

THE HEREFORD ROWING CLUB

Its History and Development

For sustained beauty it is hardly conceivable that a more attractive river than the Wye exists in England, traversing as it does some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales and England. Not a single unsightly manufacturing town abuts its banks, no factories discharge their noxious effluents into its stream and for more than half its length it is navigable by a competent canoeist. Until the advent of railways there was a considerable amount of commercial traffic along the river, dependent however on the state of the water, which on a dry summer rendered the progress of barges almost impossible, and in a wet winter highly hazardous. But in one or two places the flow of the stream was so placid at almost all times that a certain amount of pleasure boating was possible, particularly near Hereford and Ross. Naturally the competitive element arose and from time to time contests were arranged between rival crews or single scullers.

In the course of time most of the records of such contests were lost but a few are still available. For instance there was a race between four oared boats in August 1801, and two days were devoted in 1802 to similar events. Records still exist of races in 1835, 1836 and 1837, whilst in 1839 more races, this time under the designation of "Regatta" were organised successfully. Still another regatta is recorded in 1845.

Then follows a blank until 1859, when, after apparently no interest in competitive rowing had been taken for some years some "young men of the city" having opened a subscription list and announced a regatta for the 13th of June of that year. This was to be designated as a "Local Regatta" but mainly to "make a start" with a few contesting individuals in the hope of its being followed by a more extensive event. The subscription list was almost exclusively confined to mechanics, but one or two voluntary subscriptions were made by gentlemen who were admirers of aquatics.

As this was the first regatta on the Wye of which a full report is preserved ("Hereford Times", 18th June 1859), it may be interesting to give the results of the various races in detail.

	Judge, H. Parry,	Starter, T. Mitchell.	
4 oared race.	(1)	<u>Swallow</u> .	T. Ingram, Wm. Davies, J. Chambers, W. Hill (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).
	(2)	<u>Fox</u> .	C. Watkins, E. Bennett, J. Hammond, J. Davies (Stroke), E. Leinthall (Cox).
Pair oars			R. Savory, H. Morgan.
4 oared challenge match		<u>Fox</u>	J. Wigley, H. Hatch J. Edgar, W. Powell (Stroke), L. Jones (Cox).
Sculling			H. Morgan.
4 oared race			J. Lilley, W. Hatch, H. Davies, Jno. Slack (Stroke), W. Blount (Cox).

The boats were supplied by Richard Jordan.

Some of the names are doubtless familiar to present followers of rowing and recur from time to time in the history of Hereford Rowing Club. For instance the name Jordan is still associated with Wyese boating, J. Hammond may be a forbear of the Club's former President, whilst Leinthall and Morgan are names that persist in its early history.

1860

About a year later there was a meeting at the Saracens Head which appointed a committee of seventeen members to organise a regatta for Monday, 3rd September 1860. This was on the 7th June, but owing to the opening date of the partridge shooting season the regatta date was altered to the 27th August. The treasurer was J.T. Owen Fowler of the Hereford Savings Bank, and there were two secretaries, V.Powell of the "Hereford Times" office and E. Bennett of the "Hereford Journal" office.

The announcement of this regatta caused so much interest that there was a proposal for a complete or even a half day holiday for the event, and the Hereford drapers agreed to close their premises at 1 p.m. on the day. A long account of the proceedings appeared in the "Hereford Journal" of 29th August, from which the following is extracted.

Hereford Amateur Regatta, Open to all England.

The Railway Bridge was decorated. The villa and grounds at Hunderton were placed at the Committee's disposal. The band of the Hunderton Rifles was in attendance.

Judge, R. M. Lingwood, Umpire, S. Salter of Oxford, Starter, T.T. Jeffreys.

Results.

4 Gold Oars, value 10 guineas, for rowlock boats, open to all England.

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| (1) | <u>Mary Parker</u> Hereford. | R. Hereford, W.M. Willett, H.W. Willett, H.F. Baxter, H.M. Newton (Cox). |
| (2) | Shrewsbury crew. | |

4 Silver Medals, value £3 for 4 oared outriggered tubs and rowlock boats, open to amateurs on the Wye who have never won a prize.

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| (1) | <u>Wasp</u> | R. Savory, J. Dutton, T. Hewson, E. Morgan, W. Easthope (Cox). |
| (2) | <u>Fawn</u> | J. Hindman, J. Blount, R. Walker, E. Evans, W. Blount (Cox). |

4 Silver Cups, value 20 guineas, for 4 oared outriggered and rowlock boats of any description, open to all England amateurs.

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| (1) | <u>Vaga</u> Hereford | R. Hereford, W.M. Willett, H.W. Willett, H.F. Baxter, H.M. Newton (Cox). |
| (2) | <u>Pride of the Wye</u> Hereford | J. Marsh, R. Crompton, G. King, H. Parry, E. Morgan (Cox) |

Gold Scull, value £2. 10s. for outriggered skiffs, open to all England.
Won by H.F. Baxter who was unopposed.

4 Gold Oars, value 10 guineas, for 4 oared outriggered tubs and rowlock boats, open to amateurs practising on the Wye, except crews entered for the open prizes.

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| (1) | <u>Wasp</u> | W. Hill, J. Ladmore, J. Hammond, J. Davies, W. Easthope (Cox). |
| (2) | <u>Fawn</u> | J. Wall, W. Harris, T. Smallman, F. White, W. Blount (Cox). |
| (3) | <u>Ant</u> | G.H. Ashbee, R.L. Baker, E. Cunningham, - Derby, - - (Cox). |

Gold Scull, value £2, for skiffs, open to amateurs.

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| (1) | <u>Spider</u> Hereford | H.W. Willett. |
| (2) | <u>Salopian</u> Shrewsbury | J. Evans. |

The regatta was regarded as such a success that it was proposed to hold one annually and that it should be a two day affair.

A somewhat informal series of contests took place on 20th May, 1861 with the following results.

Four oared race for four Gold Pencil Cases. Won by Black and White.
- Godsall, J. Dutton, L. Jones, W. Powell (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).

Pair oared race for two Gold Pencil Cases. Won by White.
J. Barlow and A. Leinthall.

Scullers race. Won by Blue. J. Davies, who beat E. Morgan. Now we come to an item which may be regarded as immediately precedent to the actual formation of the Hereford Rowing Club. In an issue of the "Hereford Times" for 15th June, 1861 is a very brief paragraph stating that a Hereford Regatta was proposed some time in August and that a committee had been appointed for its organisation, but no names of persons appeared. A fortnight later, on Saturday, 29th June, 1861 there was printed, again in the "Hereford Times", an announcement that the Hereford Regatta had been fixed for the 27th August and that several crews would shortly commence to practice. Then came the first mention of Hereford Rowing Club in these words. "A meeting of the lovers of rowing was held on Wednesday last at the Saracens Head Inn, under the presidency of F. Kempson Esq., when a club, under the title of the 'Hereford Rowing Club' was established, officers elected, a committee formed, and several resolutions passed. About 45 gentlemen have already joined the club and more are expected".

A few days later came an advertisement of a Hereford Regatta for Tuesday, 27th August, 1861 and as the names of the first Club Committee may be of interest they are given as follows:-

Chairman -	Frederick Bodenham		
Committee -	J.F. Symonds	T. Lanwarne	J. Slack
	C. Averhill	W.M. Willett	J. Ladmore
	D. McDonnell	H.W. Willett	L. Jones
	J.T. Owen Fowler	A. Robertson	T. Rusholme
	T.W. Garrod	A.G. Levason	W. McKelvie
	F. Kempson	G.H. Ashbee	S. Williams
	G. Hanbury	W. Phillips	
Treasurer -	R.L. Baker, Herefordshire Banking Co.		
Secretary -	Wm. Powell.		

The railway companies were to convey the boats to and from the regatta free of charge.

The event was open to amateurs only, the qualification being that competitors must not have depended on rowing for a living, but only rowed for pleasure and had never won a money prize.

Referring back to the regatta of 27th August, 1860 it will be noticed that two secretaries had been appointed, one, Mr. Powell of the "Hereford Times" office, and the other, Mr. Bennett of the "Hereford Journal" office. Maybe the fact that only Mr. Powell had been chosen as secretary for the 1861 event had something to do with the extremely short and deprecating report that appeared in the "Hereford Journal" of Wednesday, 28th August 1861. "The boating, we hear, was, if not a failure, much below the mark.. The chief prize was won by a Tewkesbury Club, but the query was raised that the boat was manned by a professional crew".

The rival paper, the "Hereford Times", gave not only a very complete report, but prefaced it thus - "Within the last twelve months the Hereford Rowing Club has been established and already numbers 50 members. In addition we have the "Midland Rowing Club" comprising many employees of the Barton Station".

This being the first regatta officially organised by the Hereford Rowing Club it may be as well to give the results (as far as the finals are concerned) in full.

Judge, Richard Moor ; Umpire, H.F. Baxter ; Starter Thomas Jeffreys.

Juniors, 4 Oars, under 20. Value £4.

(1) The Bee E. Jones, G. Jones, S. Dyer, J. Hindman (Stroke), H. Hull (Cox).

- (2) The Ant J. Derry, H. Godsall, T. Barnett, J. Vick (Stroke), T. Rudge (Cox).

Scullers. Whiffs and Funnys. Value £2. W.M. Willett (Hereford Rowing Club)

Ladies Plate. 4 Oars. Any description. Value £50.

- (1) Tewkesbury Avon Rowing Club
(2) Hereford Rowing Club. W.M. Willett, A.R.K. Edwards, H.W. Willett, W.C. Harris (Stroke), H.M. Newton (Cox).

Corporation Plate, 4 Oars, Rowers on Wye or Severn, except entrants for Ladies Plate or Tradesmans Plate or winners of prizes above £3 in value at any regatta. Value £8.

- (1) The Ant Hereford Rowing Club. C. Watkins, W. Parkes, T. Prosser, E. Morgan (Stroke), T. Rudge (Cox).

Tradesmans Plate, 4 Oars. Except entrants for Ladies Plate. Value £12.

- (1) Wye Wave Hereford Rowing Club C. Preece, J.E. Ladmore, J. Hammond, J. Davies (Stroke), W. Easthope (Cox).
Defeating crews from Shrewsbury and Tewkesbury.

Scullers. All comers. Value £5. H.W. Willett, Hereford Rowing Club.

About a week after this regatta the third monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Saracens Head Inn. An agreement was made with S. Salter of Oxford to purchase the two boats hired by the committee for the Corporation Plate etc. The price of the boats was £34, including oars and fittings complete.

1862

1862 opened in hopeful mood, for according to the "Hereford Journal" "We hear with pleasure that the Club which is established for the best of athletic exercise is going on splendidly. The monthly meeting of the members will be held in the club room on Monday evening week, February 3rd. We trust that as the season advances the energies and skill of the members will be fully developed, and that each will vie with his brother members, without any spurts, to work himself quite up to the mark of endurance, skill in bending to and feathering the oar, and in maintaining the prestige of the Hereford Rowing Club among its compeers.

At a monthly meeting on 7th April the names of G. Clive M.P., J. Phillips and C. Bodenham were added to the list of members (and donations of £1 from E. Chadwick and 10/- from Rev. F. Baker were announced). It was proposed to open the season on Easter Monday by a scratch four oared race and a boat procession. This proposal was carried out on 21st April and the race was confined to members of Hereford Rowing Club with the following result.

- (1) "Wye Wave" L. Jones, G. Vickers, H. Bayley, J.E. Ladmore (Stroke), W. Easthope (Cox).
(2) "Ripple" L. Lloyd, G. McAdam, C. Ayling, Willett (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).

The first Annual General Meeting took place on 2nd June and was followed by an advertisement for a regatta on 26th August. Probably the meeting was adjourned for another meeting took place on 16th June when officers were elected as follows.

President	-	F.R. Kempson
Captain	-	H.W. Willett
Secretary	-	W.M. Willett
Treasurer	-	J.E. Ladmore.

Committee - G. Gethen, W. Humphrey, J. Slack, Robertson Cayling, G. Vickers, W. Powell, H.S. Bailey.

Life member, The High Sheriff, J.H. Arkwright, on payment of five guineas.

Honorary member, The Mayor of Hereford, J. Carless, on payment of one guinea.

The races announced for the following Monday were postponed as many members could not attend on that day. Wednesday night each week was fixed for general practice, when members will attend in club uniform

The regatta duly took place on 30th August with the following results.

Ladies Plate. Value £50, for four oared boats with amateur crews over a 1½ mile course, the entrance fee being 30/-.

It was won by the Royal Chester Rowing Club, other competitors being Tewkesbury, Shrewsbury, Prince of Wales Rowing Club of Manchester, the Hereford Railway Crew and the Hereford Rowing Club, the latter consisting of A.L. Willett, W.M. Willett, H.W. Willett, H.F. Baxter and R. Lane (Cox), their costume being blue with white stripes.

Junior prize of four cups, value £3, for four oared boats from the Wye and Severn, crews under 20 years of age, over a mile course, the entrance fee being 5/- including practice.

Won by "Wasp" of the Hereford Rowing Club beating "Bee of the same club.

Corporation Plate, value £8, for four oared boats, open to the Wye and Severn with the exception of crews rowing for the Ladies and Tradesmans Plates or crews who have won a prize above the value of £5 at any regatta. To be rowed in sister boats built by Salters of Oxford. Course of 1½ miles. Entrance fee 21/- allowing the privilege of practice.

Won by Hereford Rowing Club. A second Hereford crew was second.

Scullers prize, value £5, for skiffs of any description, over a mile course, 5/- entrance.

Won by row-over by R. Greenhow of Hereford Rowing Club.

Scullers prize, value £2, for streak built boats, whiffs and funnys. Entrance fee 2/6. If four boats start a second prize of 10/- was to be awarded.

Won by H.W. Willett of Hereford Rowing Club.

The regatta was followed by a dinner and presentation of prizes.

Up to now nothing has come to light about the happenings within the Club in the early part of 1863, but in view of subsequent events it would seem that an element of class consciousness had made its appearance. Thus on the first of August a letter appeared in the "Hereford Journal" concerning regatta matters asking for the names of the committee and if it is true there is a large amount of money left from last year, and if so, what right the committee have to hold the "Public money" and say "There shall be no regatta this year". The letter continues: "This regatta was originally started by working men, and was carried out them principally for two years with every success, though I cannot say the same for last year's arrangements, when the working men were sent to the right-about. I have off rowing for some years, but rather than see the regatta fall to the ground I am prepared to find a crew to row either a pair oared or four oared race, and in fact do anything to have a 'local Regatta' if the committee won't let us have a continuance of the 'annual'". Signed "A working man".

Only a week later, on 8th August it was announced that a meeting of the rowing men had been held on the 4th August when it was resolved to hold a local regatta on Monday 7th September with prizes for four oared, pair oared and other boats, it having been apparent that there would have been no regatta this year, last year's committee having failed to respond giving various excuses. A new committee was formed of mechanics, consisting of W. Jordan, E. Underwood, R. Taylor, T. Edwards, J. Lambert, T. Hards, G. Vickers, J. Stewart, ?

Leinthall, H. Godsall, with H. Price as treasurer, and J. Hindman, secretary. W. Williams, Judge, D. MacNer (?) umpire and J. Jeffreys, starter. Prizes were to be upwards of £20 in value.

It will be noticed that nearly all the names are unfamiliar, implying an almost complete loss of confidence in the previous committee.

Arrangements were completed and the regatta was held on 7th September, one noticeable feature being that the starts were from Belmont, (the competitors having to row there upstream before starting). The judge was M. Williams; umpire, D. Macnee; starter, T.T. Jeffreys; and Hon. Sec. J. Hindman. The results follow.

Junior Prize, value £3 for four oared boats, for crews under 20

Won by G. Barnett, J. Bowen, G. Nichols, G.W. Schweiso (Stroke), W. Keeling (Cox).

Junior Sculling Prize, value 15/- and 2/6, for youths under 16.

(1) G. Bethell. (2) H. Hancock..

Tradesmans Plate, value £10, for any four oared crews of Hereford.

Won by J. Davies, A. Leinthall, W. Jordan, R. Crompton (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox). The losing crew of railwaymen were in a boat named "Don't she seem to like it".

Pair oared Prize, value £3, for any pair of Hereford.

Won by A. Leinthall and J. Davies.

Sculling Prize, value £1 for under 21's.

A. Leinthall won by a short length.

Pair Oars Prize, value £1, for under 18's.

Won by W. Crompton and A.P. King.

Punt Race was won by W. Crompton.

Sculling Race, prize value £2 was won after postponement until the next Saturday, by E. Morgan after a foul by J. Davies.

Something unpleasant must have occurred at a Worcester Regatta a few weeks later, of which no particulars have yet come to hand, for a challenge appeared in the Hereford Journal of 10th October, 1863.

"We learn that the men of Hereford, who contended with the men of Worcester at the recent Regatta, dissatisfied with the manner in which they were defeated, are prepared to match themselves on the Wye against their Worcester opponents for any sum they may name, the boats to be of equal excellence and without any choice of water". Notice that no mention is made of the actual name of the Hereford Club.

Nearly a year elapsed before any more was heard of rowing activities in Hereford, until on the 21st July, 1864 a meeting of rowing men was held at the Saracens Head Inn, when it was unanimously resolved "That the Hereford Regatta should be held on the Tuesday in the Festival week, and a working committee was formed to carry out the necessary arrangements". Thus ran an announcement in the Hereford Journal, but the Hereford Times worded it differently. "A meeting has been held by working men during the past week to solicit gentlemen to join them in holding an open Regatta this year on the Wye. If sufficient monetary support is received the Regatta will be on the first day of the Musical Festival". Again it will be noticed that the actual name of the promoting club does not appear.

A programme was advertised containing as patrons an imposing list of prominent names, a list of no less than 31 committee members and the names of the Judges, Richard Hereford and James Phillips; the Chairman, F.

Bodenham; treasurer, R.L. Baker; secretary, W.M. Willett; assistant secretary, J.G. Martin; the umpire being Stephen Salter of Oxford, and the starter, T.T. Jeffreys.

The regatta took place on the 30th August and according to the Hereford Journal “We are sorry to say that in an aquatic point of view the regatta was a decided failure”. The report concluded thus “We can not conclude our remarks without expressing regret at the non-appearance at this regatta of the colours of the Hereford Rowing Club, and hope that means will be adopted by the members and rowing men generally, to get well up again next year, so as to prevent a recurrence of the tame contests of this year”.

There were few entries, probably due to the G.W. Railway Co. refusing to carry boats free as other companies have hitherto done, and most of the races were runaways. Nevertheless it is as well to give the results.

Scullers Prize, value £10 , Open to All England. 1Mile.

- (1) E.B. Mitchell, Magdalen.
- (2) C.G.H. Beck, Worcester

Scullers Prize, value £2, for streak built skiffs.

- (1) W. Crompton.
- (2) E. Morgan

City Members Plate, value £5, for four oared boats for Wye and Severn amateurs who have never won an advertised prize.

Won by A.P King, G. Vickers, J. Bannister, J. Nicholls (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).

Junior Prize, 4 cups value £3, for four oared boats, crews under 20. 1 mile.

Won by G. Nicholls, A. Crompton, G. Tibby, J. Cooke.

Corporation Plate, value £5, for four oared boats, except winners of Ladies and Tradesmans Plates.

Won by G. Nicholls, J. Nicolls, - Lea, E. Morgan, (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).

Ladies Plate, value £40, for any four oared boats, 1½ miles.

- (1) Oxford City in Endeavour.
- (2) Cardiff Amateur

Tradesmans Plate, value £20, for four oared boats, 1½ miles.

Walk over by Cardiff.

Scratch Race.

Won by T. Treherne, J. Prosser, W. Hancocks, W. Keeling (Stroke), J. Badham (Cox).

Scratch Race. Four cups given by J. Lambert.

Won by E. Exton, C. Tibby, H. Willett, E. Morgan (Stroke), E. Lane (Cox).

Another unfavourable comment was made in the “Hereford Times” when reporting on the results. “The regatta was organised by two or three rowing men who thought that in a year when many strangers would be in Hereford, there should be a regatta”. It seems strange that it should not say anything about the quality of rowing or add still further comments.

It is difficult to know whether the discouraging result of the 1864 regatta, or perhaps disagreement among the members was responsible, but nothing more was heard until on 22nd July, 1865, a letter appeared in the local press, "No announcement having been made of this event (the Hereford Regatta) coming off in 1865, I venture to remind the Committee that the time has arrived for them to be up and stirring, unless as I fear, they again intend dropping it for one year. Money has never been short, and if the Committee are tired of their duties let them at once delegate their duties into other hands. (Signed. TARPOT)."

More mystification followed, for immediately after a Ross Regatta on 1st August, 1865, a somewhat caustic comment was made. The Hereford Rowing Club entered a team in four oared boats but were unsuccessful, attributing their failure to the use of an inferior boat. The reporters comment was " We may here ask, is there a rowing club in Hereford, and if so is it to their credit to send their members from home and expect them to bring home laurels without supplying them with a proper craft." However, though the club was unsuccessful in a pair oared race, they had better fortune in the sculling race, where W. Crompton of the Hereford Rowing Club was first.

The members concerned were, for the four oared boat, W. Crompton, W. Lee, J. Nichols, E. Morgan (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).

The pair crew consisted of J. Nichols and E. Morgan with H. Jordan as cox.

The scullers were W. Crompton and J.W. Lambert.

But in the same issue of the paper containing the results appeared another letter, signed by "A Member", stating that no member of a crew calling themselves "Hereford Rowing Club" was actually a member of the club, and that by insertion of this letter the Hereford Rowing Club would be obliged.

Two more letters followed, one on 12th August, "The Hereford Regatta established in 1860 was so successful that it was announced to be an annual event. 1861 and 1862 saw very successful regattas. In 1863 it subsided into a "local Regatta" got up principally by the rowing men of Hereford who were determined to have a regatta of some sort. In 1864 some sort of regatta at short notice was arranged by the Committee which proved a failure. Why no Regatta this year?"

The second letter, again on the 12th August was headed "Hereford Rowing Club and the Ross Regatta." It went on "..... if the rowing club is in existence now, and I think it can be borne out by saying that practically it is not With the exception of the Messrs, Willett the Hereford Club is comparatively unrepresented by members I am informed that as no new members can be added to the present handful unless in addition to the usual entrance money they pay a subscription in arrears of time with the exception of the brothers Willett the 'club' is totally incapable by numbers or qualification of forming a club." (Signed FAIRPLAY)

1866 - 1887 - 1868

Thereafter over a years silence until we hear that at a regatta in Brecon early in September 1866 a silver cup, value £2 10s. was won as a sculling prize by W. Crompton of Hereford in "The Happy Return".

Still almost another year goes by until on the 4th July, 1867, another Hereford Local Regatta took place, the patrons being J.F. Symonds, Mayor; Geo. Clive, M.P.; R. Baggaley, M.P. and the Hereford Town Council. Judge, N. Williams; Umpire, H. Parry; Starter, J. Hindman; Secretary, J. Bannister. No names of the committee were given in the preliminary advertisements, nor was there mention of the name of the Hereford Rowing Club. Results follow:-

Junior Prize, value £2, open for under 20's.

- (1) T. Treherne, J. Prosser, H. Hancock, W. Keeling (Stroke), J. Keeling (Cox).
- (2) C. Lewis, S. Traherne, T. England, H. Thompson (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).

Pair Oars, value £2, open to Hereford Amateurs.

- (1) J. Nichols, G. Nichols.
- (2) S. Dyer, W. Crompton.

Sculls, value £1.

- (1) H. Hancock.
- (2) G.C. Davies.

Wye Stakes, value £4, for Hereford Amateurs.

- (1) A. Dutton, W. Phillips, J. Davies, A.R. Crompton (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).
- (2) W. Watkins, H. Stephens, W. Stephens, T. Lilwall (Stroke), T. Badham (Cox).

Tradesmans Plate, value £10, for Wye Amateurs.

- (1) G. Bennett, W. Crompton, R. Crompton, S. Dyer (Stroke), C. Ramsey (Cox).
- (2) J. Weston, C. Tibbey, G. Nichols, J. Nichols (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).

Punt Races, open to the world.

- (1) Wigley.
- (2) E. Crompton.

This time a complete year elapsed before we hear more of Hereford rowing activity. According to the "Hereford Times of Saturday 12th September, 1968, "On Thursday an interesting little amateur regatta took place on the Wye, the gentleman engaged being chiefly connected with the banking interest of the city. The weather being fine, a goodly number of spectators assembled on the banks of the river and the sport was watched with much interest".

Seven four oared boats competed, of which the first and second were in the order listed, the prize being of the value of £8.

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| (1) | W. Crompton, G. McAdam, G. Warner, W. Shaw. |
| (2) | J.R. Symonds, C. Davies, R. Derry, F. Wilding. |
| Unplaced | H. Hancocks, J. Hatton, W. Wilson, T. England. |
| | A. Leinthall, W. Bird, T. Nurse, H. Gethen. |
| | S. Wilding, F. Thomas, J. Lingen, - Bamford. |
| | G. Nichols, A. Wooton, W. Kelly, T. Williams. |
| | A.R. Crompton, W. Moulton, S. Treherne, C. Stocks. |

For purposes of identification it should be noted that the first named member of each crew was stroke. No mention of the name of Hereford Rowing Club, but does the mention of the "banking interests" give any clue to the possible internal dissensions in the club? Another point that may have significance is that the annual race between Shrewsbury and Cheltenham schools took place this year on the Severn instead of the Wye as had normally been customary.

1869 - 1870 - 1871

No mention is made of the Hereford Rowing Club during 1869 but a Hereford man, W. Watkins, beat a Worcester man, C.H. Thackway in a 1½ mile race on the Wye, starting at Belmont on 21st July.

1870 produced no reference to the Hereford Rowing Club, except perhaps incidentally in names of the winning crew in a race on the 4th April between past and present members of the Hereford Cathedral School viz. Price, Symonds, McAdam, Allen with Scobie as stroke. The losers, present members, were Deakin, Coopere, Brodie, Eagles, with Waterley as cox.

In the middle of April, 1871, there were hopeful signs that serious rowing was coming into favour once more. Regret was expressed in a local paper that there was no high class rowing club in Hereford. "Sporadic attempts had been made, but nothing has been done to give permanence to a Rowing Club."

At a private meeting at the Mitre Hotel on 11th April, it was unanimously resolved that steps should be taken for holding a regatta on the Wye some time during the summer. A treasurer and two honorary secretaries were appointed and a committee formed to collect subscriptions and make the necessary arrangements. Again quoting

the local paper, "We trust that the present effort will be the nucleus for the establishment of a good permanent rowing club." The result was the advertisement of a regatta for Thursday, 20th July.

A short interruption may be forgiven an account of its technical interest. In June, Cheltenham College beat Shrewsbury Grammar School in their annual contest, this time on the Wye, the four oared boats measuring 42 feet long by 20½ inches on the beam, made by Salter of Oxford.

At Stourport Regatta on 26th June a Hereford crew won the Forrester's Plate. The crew was comprised of G. McAdam, T.W. Allen, J.R. Symonds, W. Crompton (Stroke), E. Jordan (Cox). The same crew entered for the Town Plate but fouled, owing to a struck rudder. Note that E. Jordan was only eight years old and this was his first race. The name "Hereford Rowing Club" did not appear.

As the day of the Hereford Regatta approached further details were published, Admission to the Hunderton grounds was to be one shilling and to the committee enclosure sixpence. Among the entrants were team names: Silures, Hereford; Happy Return, Hereford; Another Hereford crew; Debut, Hereford; Nil Desperandum, Hereford; -----, Hereford; -----, Hereford.

The regatta took place in fine weather on 20th July, and in addition to the list given in the announcement the following should be added.

Judges - J. Rankin of Bryngwyn, Capt. Willett.
 Umpires - G. Salter, Wandsworth and Rev. R. Hereford. Mr. Houseman also umpired several races. The starter was H. Parry.

Results:-

Corporation Plate, value £20 for four oared clinker built boats.

- (1) Nil Desperandum, (Worcester).
- (2) Silures, (Hereford). G.C. McAdam, T.W. Allen, J.R. Symonds, W. Crompton (Stroke), R. Jordan (Cox).

Sculling Prize, value £10.

T.G. Thompson of John O'Groat Rowing Club, Lancaster.

Junior Prize, value £8.

- (1) Ourselves, (Hereford) W. Carless, E. Jordan, E.G.S. Corsar, Fred McAdam (Stroke), R. Jordan (Cox).
- (2) Happy Return, (Hereford) was second and another Hereford crew also competed.

The balance sheet makes interesting reading.

<u>Dr.</u>		<u>Cr.</u>	
Subscriptions Receive	£131. 3. 2.	Printing and adverts	£16. 10. 9.
Entrances	25. 4. 0.	Prizes	95. 18. 6.
Admission to enclosures	41. 9. 0.	Umpires fees, crews and officials	15. 18. 6.
		Hire of boats, ground, tents etc.	32. 16. 0.
		Sundries	7. 5. 9.
		Balance	<u>30. 0. 6.</u>
	<u>£197. 16. 2.</u>		<u>£197. 16. 2.</u>

A letter appeared in the press of 29th July, praising the work of the Hereford crews "considering they have no boating club". And yet in the "Hereford Times" of 28th October, 1871, appeared the following:-

HEREFORD ROWING CLUB. The members of this club had a “little go” on the Wye on the 26th with the following results.

- (1) Pink and White, J. Bamfield, - Rumsey, A. Dutton, W. Crompton (Stroke), - Bethel (Cox).

Only three crews entered. “Several members of the club afterwards dined together at the Saracens Head Inn, Mr. Myer Jun. Taking the chair.”

All this sounds most confusing and is only partly explained by a letter from W. Crompton, whose name should by now be familiar to readers, dated in late January, 1872. “.....Already 30 of us have formed an Amateur Rowing Club which was started last September, particularly for those working 12 hours per day, Mr. Llanwarne having kindly to become president and Mr. Owen Fowler, treasurer, and we hope to increase our numbers as time and our prosperity progress.....” It is not clearly established what connection this club had with the officially formed Hereford Rowing Club definitely formed on 3rd March, 1873. Subsequent events in 1872 seem to add to this confusion.

Many of the prominent Hereford oarsmen were interested in athletics generally for at the Hereford Athletic Sports in May, 1872, among the officials were T.W. Allen, F. Wilding, H.R. Beddoe, E.G.S. Corsar, F. McAdam and G.C. McAdam, Wilding in particular having won local fame as an all round athlete. It is all the more remarkable that after 12 hours daily work, time could be spared for such activity, remembering that the institution of summer time came in very many years later.

May it have been that the club referred to above was the Hereford Wye Rowing club which had a friendly contest on the river on Whit Monday of 1872 with the following result.

- (1) W. Crompton (Stroke), - Inns, - Veal, _ Rumsey, _ Jordan (Cox).
(2) A. Crompton (Stroke), - Bamfield, - Hudson, - Stokes, - Bethel (Cox).

It was understood that the contest was to decide on a crew to represent the Wye Rowing Club during the summer.

Further presumptive evidence is given by the results in the next Hereford Regatta held on 25th July of the same year. The patrons were to be the same as for the 1871 regatta with the addition of Gen. Goldsworthy and Stephen Robinson, and two more stewards. The committee and other officials were also were also the same as before. A significant newspaper comment on 6th July ran thus:- “Interest in rowing since the last regatta has led to the establishment of a rowing club, which we have no doubt will be well represented..... We also hear that attempts are being made to re-establish the defunct Hereford Rowing Club.”

Now we come to some definite news. On 13th July it was announced in both the Hereford papers that at the Evesham Regatta on 11th July the Avon Plate for four oared gigs was won by the newly formed Hereford Rowing Club, the crew consisting of W. Carless, G.C. McAdam, J. R. Symonds, F. Wilding (Stroke), E. Jordan (Cox). In the first heat Hereford beat Derby by 1½ lengths. The second heat was won by Worcester in Nil Desperandum beating Bristol. The third heat was won by Abingdon and in the final Hereford beat Worcester by nearly two lengths.

The regatta arranged for Hereford duly took place on the 25th July 1872, and as it was the first in Hereford having the newly re-formed Hereford Rowing Club as competitors the results will be given more fully than those of previous regattas.

Junior Prize, value £8.

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| First heat. | (1) | Hereford Rowing Club. H.V. Thomas, E. Jordan, E.G.S. Corsar, F. McAdam (Stroke), R. Jordan (Cox). |
| | (2) | <u>Evening Star</u> . Hereford. W. Williams, C. Jackson, T. Phjilpotts, J. Prosser (Stroke), G.H. Warren (Cox). |
| Second Heat. | (1) | Wye Rowing Club. H. Meredith, J. Preece, J. Taylor, J.H. Stephens (Stroke), |
| | | G.H. Warren (Cox). |
| | (2) | Wye Rowing Club. C.M. Barber, W. F. Veele, W. Chambers, F. Kleser (Stroke), |
| | | C. Chambers (Cox). |

- Third Heat. (1) Pengwern Boat Club (Shrewsbury).
 (2) Vigornians (Worcester).
 Fourth Heat. Winners were the Hereford Rowing Club beating the Wye Rowing Club.
 In the final the Hereford Rowing Club won easily.

Sculling Prize, value £4 for clinker built boats, open to all amateurs.

- First heat. (1) J.W. Watton (Pengwern).
 (2) W. Crompton (Wye Rowing Club), he ran into the bank soon after the start.
 Second Heat (1) H.W. Peill (Monmouth).
 (2) J.J. Downes (Hereford Rowing Club).
 Third Heat (1) S. Barlet (Monmouth).
 (2) J Bamfield (Hereford Rowing Club).
 Final (1) S. Barlet (Monmouth).

Sculling Prize, value £10, open to all. 1 mile.

- (1) C.E. May (West London Rowing Club).
 (2) H.E. Yeomans (Ross).

Corporation Plate, value £20. 1 mile.

- (1) Hereford Rowing Club. E.G.S. Corser, F. McAdam, J.R. Symonds,
 W. Carless (Stroke), R. Jordan (Cox).
 (2) Wye Rowing Club. A.R. Crompton, R. Crompton, E. Lane, W. Crompton
 (Stroke),
 J. Bethell (Cox).

Wye Plate, value £10, for four oared boats, for those regularly practicing on the Wye, except winners of the Corporation Plate. Boats to be provided by the Committee. 1 mile.

- First Heat Rowed over by Wye Rowing Club. Crew as immediately above.
 Second Heat (1) Vaga, (Monmouth)
 (2) The Wave, (Hereford). C. Saunders, J. Stephens, C. Stock, J. Nichols
 (Stroke),
 A. Williams (Cox).
 Final was won by Hereford.

In addition several scratch races were rowed of which no details are available.

A Shrewsbury Regatta was held on 5th August at which it had been announced that a crew from Hereford Rowing Club would compete, composed of E.G.S. Corser, G.C. McAdam, J.R. Symonds, W. Carless (Stroke) and R. Jordan (Cox), but at the time of writing no results have been obtainable.

The Hereford season closed with a series of scratch races on 26th September with six crews competing in four oared boats over a half mile course from Hunderton Villa to Jordan's boat house. Mr. Jordan and his son H. Jordan acted as judge and starter respectively. In a close finish three boats were almost abreast, the win being by six inches only, the winning boat being Allen (stroke), Deakin, Scobie and Bottrell.

Up to now the attitude of the club seems to have been to get on with rowing and let formalities be dispensed with, but this state of affairs could not continue indefinitely, so that on 22nd February of 1873 an advertisement appeared inviting gentlemen to join the club. A general meeting was announced for the 3rd of March at which officers and a committee would be elected, to be held in the Mitre Hotel at 7.00 p.m.. The annual subscription was to be 30/- entitling the personal use of any of Jordan's boats. Two outriggered gigs would be exclusively provided for members and the committee would hire such other boats as they may consider advisable. This meeting would complete the organisation of the club. The temporary committee meanwhile would consist of the following:-

T. W. Allen	F. C. Stebbings	W. Carless	J.R. Symonds
W. Davies	W.H. Tuson	G.C. McAdam	F. Wilding

All preliminaries having been arranged, THE HEREFORD ROWING CLUB was definitely established at the meeting of the temporary committee at the Mitre Hotel on the evening of the 3rd March. Mr. Davies of Broad Street presided. The officers elected were:- Treasurer, T.W. Allen; Secretary, J.R. Symonds, with a permanent committee of W. Carless, W. Davies, W.A. Hill, G.C. McAdam, F.C. Stebbing and F. Wilding. It was also decided that club members may use the boats of R. Jordan (boat maker) on the same footing of his present seasonal subscribers on payment of a nominal yearly subscription. Two outriggered gigs will be provided for the exclusive use of members.

The newly re-founded Hereford Rowing Club opened the season on 3rd April with some scratch racing for four oared boats, six crews competing. The winning crew was J. Hatton, E. Hatton, F. McAdam, W. Carless (Stroke), E. Ede (Cox).

The Hereford Club's re-organisation may have inspired the rowing men of Worcester for it was proposed to hold a regatta near Pitchcroft some time in July with the object of forming a boating club in Worcester. It will have been noticed that crews from Worcester had already competed in several regattas.

To the Evesham Regatta early in July the Hereford Rowing Club sent two crews without success, they being beaten by the Burton crew. However the senior sculling prize was won by W. Carless of the Hereford Club. The losing crews were:-

W. Carless, E.G.S. Corser, J.R. Symonds, F.C. McAdam (Stroke), R. Jordan (Cox).
H. Hatton, W.J. Scobie, J. Hatton, G. McAdam (Stroke), T. Stephens (Cox).

It having been thought that the falling off of last year's regatta was due to conflicting dates of regattas at York and Nottingham, the date of this year's Hereford Regatta has been chosen to avoid clashes, being fixed for 7th August, 1873, with an imposing list of patrons, stewards, committee and officials. In the meantime the Hereford crew won the Town Plate at the Worcester Regatta on 24th July beating Cheltenham for the award of the value of £30. Crew:-

W. Carless, G.C. McAdam, E.G.S. Corser, F. McAdam (Stroke), R. Jordan (Cox).

The Hereford Regatta attracted entries from far afield particularly for the Wye Challenge Vase. They included crews from:-

John O'Gaunt Rowing Club, Lancaster.	Avon Rowing Club, Bath.
Royal Chester Rowing Club.	West London Rowing Club.
Clifton Rowing Club.	Ino Rowing Club, Hammersmith.

(The Chester crew at the time was regarded as one of the best amateur fours in the country).

Umpire, Rev. H.F. Baxter; Judges, - Lutwyche, - Wynn; Starter, H. Parry;
Treasurer, T.W. Allen; Hon. Secretary, J.R. Symonds.

Junior Sculling Prize, value £3, for juniors who have never won a sculling prize.

(1) - Corser (Jun?).

Tradesmans Plate, value £8, for juniors who have never won a prize at a regatta for four oared clinker built boats.

(1) Hereford Rowing Club. E.P. Bullar, E. George, H. Bottrell, F. McAdam (Stroke),
T. Stephens (Cox).

Wye Challenge Vase, value 50 guineas, with presentation prizes value £40, for amateurs in four oared boats.

(1) Royal Chester Rowing Club.
(2) Hereford Rowing Club. G.C. McAdam, W. Carless, E.G.S. Corser, F. McAdam (Stroke),
R. Jordan (Cox).

Corporation Plate, value £20, for four oared clinker built boats.

(1) Hereford Rowing Club. E.J. Hatton, T.W. Allen, F.C. Stebbing, J.R. Symonds (Stroke),
T. Simpson (Cox).

Ladies Plate, value £15, open to all except winners of Challenge Vase, for four oared boats.

- (1) West London Rowing Club.

Bryngwyn Plate, for four oared boats, for Hereford residents who have competed for any of the above events but have not won.

- (1) Hereford Rowing Club. (Names not specified).

The next regatta in which a Hereford Rowing Club crew competed was at Monmouth on 28th August, 1873, and the first prize the Troy Plate, value £10, for juniors was brought home in triumph. The crew was:-

H.P. Bullar, E. Gerge, H. Bottrell, M.J. Scobie (Stroke), R. Jordan (Cox).

The season ended up with races for scratch fours, five crews entering for four cups, the results being:-

- (1) H.V. Thomas, T.W. Allen, F.C. Stebbing, E.G.S. Corser (Stroke).
- (2) H. Bottrell, C.P. Morris, F. Wilding, F. McAdam (Stroke).

1874

As showing again the versatility of the members there appeared in February of 1874 a list of prominent local cricketers amongst whom figured f. Wilding, T. Llamwarne, W. Carless, F.C. Stebbing and A. Hatton. Truly, combining a twelve hour working day with practice in athletics, cricket and rowing must have been an arduous task.

The Hereford Rowing Club held what was termed an annual meeting at the Mitre Hotel on 13th March, Charles Hatton presiding. The recent past history was related and the triumphs of 1873 recalled. The number of members was now 50 and there was a balance due to the treasurer of £10. 4s 6d. The following officers were elected:-

President, Sir Herbert Croft; Captain, F. Wilding; Deputy Captain, W. Carless; Treasurer, T.W. Allen; Secretary, J.R. Symonds. In addition a committee was elected of W. Davies, W.A. Hill, G.C. McAdam, F.C. Stebbing, E.G.S. Corser and F. McAdam.

The season was to commence on 1st April.

Many Rowing Club members competed in the Hereford Amateur Athletic sports as runners etc., at the end of April.

Just as a matter of local history it may be mentioned that the recently formed Worcester Rowing Club now had 60 members and on 1st May ran a set of scratch races for four oared boats.

Varied experiences awaited the Hereford men at the Evesham Regatta on 2nd July, 1874. F.C. Stebbing was beaten in the first heat of the President Prize through fouling the bank. In the Town Plate the Hereford men (J.R. Symonds (Stroke) were beaten in the second heat by Bristol Ariel after being thrown out of their course by a steamer. However the Senior Sculling Prize was won by W. Carless of Hereford and the Avon Plate was won by Hereford, the crew consisting of E.J. Hatton, E.G.S. Corser, E.C. Stebbing, J.R. Symonds (Stroke) and R. Jordan (Cox).

Three weeks later at the Worcester Regatta on 21st July the Hereford Rowing Club had some measure of success, the Ladies Plate, value £30 being won by a crew composed of E.J. Hatton, H. Bethell, F.C. Stebbing, J.R. Symonds (Stroke) and N. Symonds (Cox). On the other hand Hereford were beaten in the third heat of the Severn Plate and in the second heat for the Town Plate, while W. Carless was beaten in the first heat for the sculling prize.

Better fortune awaited the club at the Tewkesbury Regatta some few days later, the Corporation Plate, value £20, being won by J.R. Symonds' crew, the Ladies Plate, value £20, by F. McAdam's crew and the sculling prize of £20 by W. Carless. The Toddington Vase however was lost to the Chester Club.

The much advertised Hereford Regatta was held on 28th July and again was attended by substantial success by the Hereford Club as shown by the results below.

Sculling Prize, value £2. 2s. 0d. for amateurs who have not won a sculling prize. In clinker built boats provided by the committee.

(1) E. Jordan (2) E. George

Corporation Plate, value £20, for clinker built boats.

(1) Hereford Rowing Club. E.J. Hatton, H. Bottrell, F.C. Stebbing, J.R. Symonds (Stroke), N.P. Symonds (Cox).

Tradesmans Plate, value £10, in clinker boats, for juniors not having won a prize exceeding the value of £10.

Hereford Rowing Club won the first and third heats but were beaten in the final by the Bath Club. The crew was F.R. Jones, C.E. Hare, J.A.T. Nicholson, H. Hatton (Stroke) and N.P. Symonds (Cox).

Wye Challenge Vase, value 50 guineas. The Hereford Club was beaten by Chester.

Ladies Plate, value 20 guineas, for all except winners of the Wye Challenge Vase. Won by one of the two Hereford Rowing Club crews.

W. Carless, G.C. McAdam, E.G.S. Corser, F. McAdam (Stroke) and R.Jordan (Cox).

The proceedings terminated with some less serious events.

About a week later at the Bath Regatta, Hereford was again to the fore in winning the Bath Plate, the crew being, W. Carless, G. McAdam, E.G.S. Corser, F. McAdam (Stroke) and N.P. Symonds (Cox).

At the end of September the Hereford Rowing Club season closed by some racing between scratch crews, George Hanbury acting as umpire. The winning crew was G.C. McAdam, E.M. Underwood, E. George and J.R. Symonds (Stroke).

1875

On 11th March 1875, the Hereford Rowing Club held its annual general meeting, under the presidency of Sir Herbert Croft, with Mr. W. Davies in the chair. The results of the past year were detailed, the club having competed in 14 races and winning seven prizes, besides a sculling race. It had competed in five regattas, winning a prize in each. Lady Croft had presented the club with a racing flag in blue silk, worked by herself. At the meeting ten new members were elected and officials appointed.

President, Sir Herbert Croft;
Captain and Secretary, J.R. Symonds;
Deputy Captain, F. McAdam;
Treasurer, T.W. Allen.

The committee to consist of:- W.Davies, W. Carless, G.C. McAdam, W.A. Hill, Rev. F.C. Stebbing, F. Wilding, C. Hatton.

It was decided to start the season on the first of April

The Hereford Regatta held on 8th July 1875 was an ambitious affair. However, the results were not all in favour of the Hereford club.

Junior Sculls.

(1) H. Grubham (2) A. Watkins.

Tradesmans Plate

- (1) Worcester Rowing Club.
- (2) Hereford Rowing Club. G. Vevers, E.P. Bullar, E. Gearge, J.A.T. Nicholson (Stroke), R. Jordan (Cox).

Senior Sculls. Walkover for A. Mitchell of Oxford Vacation Rowing Club.

Wye Challenge Vase.

- (1) Hereford Rowing Club. E.J. Hatton, F. McAdam, F.C. Stebbing, J.R. Symonds (Stroke), N.P. Symonds (Cox).

Ladies Plate.

- (1) "West of England Mixture".

Corporation Plate.

- (1) Worcester Rowing Club.

Scratch Four Race.

- (1) Mitchell, Jones, C. Hatton, Fraser.

Almost three weeks later the Hereford Rowing Club gained a success at the Tewkesbury Regatta on 27th, the Teddington Vase, valued at 50 guineas, winning by six or seven lengths, and beating both the Bath and Cheltenham Rowing Clubs. The crew was:- E.J. Hatton, F. McAdam, F.C. Stebbing, J.R. Symonds (Stroke), N.P. Symonds (Cox).

The same crew won the City Challenge Vase at the Bath Regatta on 2nd August and the Ladies plate at the Worcester Regatta, so that the Hereford club at this time held three challenge vases from Hereford, Bath and Tewkesbury.

1876

at the time of writing no particulars of the work of the club for the early part of the 1876 season have come to light, but the names of crews competing in early april in the Hereford Cathedral School regatta are interesting as containing budding or junior members of the Hereford Rowing Club. Here they are:-

Crew of Oxford supporters. Symonds, Price, Brown, Bull (Stroke), Nicholson (Cox).

Crew of Cambridge supporters. Gethen, Chattock, Bevan, Grey (Stroke), Symonds (Cox).

Another interesting item is that of the meeting of the Ross Rowing Club on 8th May, when officers were elected and it was decided to buy a four oared boat and raise the subscription from 10/- to 15/-, with an entrance fee of 5/-.

A minor success for Hereford club members was at Hay on 21st July, when a canoe race resulted in A. Watkins gaining second place, beaten by one of two representatives of the Hay Rowing Club, C.R. Payne being the winner.

At the Tewkesbury Regatta on 25th July, two Hereford crews were entered and met with formidable opposition from two Worcester crews, Gloucester (three crews), Shrewsbury, Cheltenham College, Buron-on-Trent, Bath, Avon, Evesham, Warwick, Bristol Redcliff and Bewdley.

They came second in the first heat for the Severn Plate, value 10 guineas, being beaten by Cheltenham. They came second in the race for the Toddington Vase, value 50 guineas, Worcester being first.

Only moderate success attended the club's efforts at the Hereford Regatta on 3rd August, 1876, for which the results follow:-

Junior Sculls, value 2 guineas.

- (1) J. Hatton of Hereford Rowing Club.

Tradesmans Plate, value £10, for juniors who have never won a prize of the value £10. In four oared clinker built boats.

- (1) Nil Desperandum. J. Bamfield, E. Jordan, J. Preece, C. Ramsey (Stroke), C. Owens (Cox).
(2) Hereford Rowing Club. W.G.T. Nevers, E.P. Bullar, D.C. Delfosse, J.A.T. Nicholson (Stroke),
H.G. Nicholson (Cox).

Wye Challenge Vase, value £50 guineas, with presentation cups value 30 guineas.

- (1) Worcester Rowing Club.
(2) Hereford Rowing Club. F.Wilding, F.C. Stebbing, D.P. Ware, J.R. Symonds (Stroke),
N.P. Symonds (Cox).

Corporation Plate, value 20 guineas, for four oared clinker built boats.

- (1) Shrewsbury
(2) Hereford Rowing Club scratch crew. E. Smythe, E. Gearge, E.G.S. Corser, F. Wilding (Stroke), N.P. Symonds (Cox).

Scratch Race, value £2.

Won by Crompton's crew. S.H. Cook, Schofield, E.G.S. Corser, J.C. Crompton (Stroke), J. Hanson (Cox).

Two regattas took place on 7th August, 1876. At the Bath Regatta the Hereford Rowing Club sustained two defeats, being beaten by Worcester in both the City Challenge Vase race and the Bath Plate. The crew consisted of F.Wilding, F.C. Stebbing, D.P. Ware, J.R. Symonds (Stroke), N.P. symonds (Cox). The first race was lost by a length, the second by only about a foot. At the Ross Regatta the Open pair oared race for two silver cups, value £10 was waon by J.Hatton and W. Carless of Hereford, the losers being the Gloucester club.

As throwing some light on the difficulties encountered by oarsmen due to the long hours of work, an incident is of a Hereford practice four colliding with a pleasure boat in the dark on the 11th of August. The bows of both boats were smashed and the Hereford boat had to have new bows fitted at Gloucester by Mr. Halford. The boat was returned repaired by the 16th and in the meantime the Hereford crew continued practicing in a borrowed boat by Clasper in preparation for the regatta at Shrewsbury on the 17th.

At this regatta Hereford won the Shrewsbury Plate, value £20, beating the Shrewsbury crew, the winning crew consisting of E.J. Hatton, W. Carless, F. Wilding, J.R. Symonds (Stroke), N.P. Symonds (Cox). The Corporation Plate was won by the Pengwern Club after claiming a foul. The Hereford crew in this race was D.C. Delfosse, H. Hatton, M.G. J. Scobie, J.A.T. Nicholson (Stroke), H.G. Nicholson (Cox).

According to the newspaper account the Hereford Rowing Club "pretty well swept the board" at Monmouth Regatta on 7th September as the list of results show.

- Senior Fours - J.A.T. Nicholson, M.J.G. Scobie, F.C. Stebbing, F. Wilding (Stroke), H.G. Nicholson (Cox).
Junior Fours - C.Smith, E.P. Bullar, M.J.G. Scobie, J.A.T. Nicholson (Stroke), H.G. Nicholson (Cox).
Pair Oars - F.C. Stebbing, F. Wilding.
Junior Sculls - H. Botterell.
Watermens pair oars Harry Jordan, T. Preece.

The Club season ended in early October with some four oared scratch races, but only twelve members put in an active appearance. The final heat was won by:- H. Myer, M.J.G. Scobie, E.J. Hatton, J.T Nicholson (Stroke), G.

Nicholson (Cox). J.E. Norris acted as judge. (It is probable that the initials of the Nicholsons may not be correct).

1877

Competitive rowing by now having become so popular it was inevitable that the time had come to form some regulations for uniform conditions. Thus on 3rd February, 1877 a meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Worcester, of representatives of the various clubs organising regattas on the Severn, Avon and Wye, the Hereford representative being J.R. Symonds. Three of the resolutions passed are worth recording.

- (1) A clinker built boat shall be built from a keel of not less than four streaks per side, no streak to measure more than five inches in width measured from lap to lap on the outside, each streak to overlap the other, the gunwale to act as one streak and the keel to project the whole length of the boat, which shall be open at both ends.
- (2) To disfavour boats classed as light clinkers.
- (3) (Proposed by J.R. Symonds). It is desirable to have a Travelling Challenge Vase, subscribed for by the different Regatta Committees, to be called the West of England Challenge Vase, the committee having possession of the Vase to provide for that year, presentation cups to the value of £20. Once again the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 24th March may be noted for the names connected with the Hereford Rowing Club. Thus the Oxford supporters crew contained N.P. Symonds, W.G. Cazalet, H.P. Bull, C.O. Fowler (Stroke), H.G. Nicholson (Cox), whilst the losers, the Cambridge supporters were W.E. Grey, J.P. Fowler, J.A. Bevan, J.B. Armstrong (Stroke), E. Morris (Cox). F. Wilding acted as starter and J.R. Symonds as umpire. The boats were provided by Mr. Jordan.

It has been mentioned previously that some Rowing Club members had other athletic pursuits, so it is not surprising that F. Wilding, on 7th May won a wager of £20 to £5, to ride, run and walk a mile within 20 minutes. The wager was laid by J. Waddell of Canon Bridge, but was not paid until the contest was repeated on 21st May, the excuse being the absence of Mr. Waddell at the first contest. The times taken by Wilding were :- Walk, 8 min. 18 sec., ride, 2 min. 59 sec., run, 6 min. 28 sec., totalling 17 min. 45 sec.. The second test his total time was 18 min. 18 secs. The feat was more notable as his opponent, J.S. Mason was a well known horse rider and Wilding had little practice in that direction.

Two victories were claimed at the Worcester Regatta on 19th July, 1877 by actual rowing, as well as a challenge vase by mutual agreement.

Worcester Town Plate, won by the senior crew. R.J. Symonds (Stroke), F. Wilding, E.J. Hatton, J. Nicholson,
- Nicholson (Cox).

Severn Plate, won by the junior crew. C. Delfosse, F. James, E.P. Bullar, Capel Smith (Stroke),
M. Nicholson (Cox).

As there is no Hereford Regatta this year the Wye Challenge Vase, value with four presentation cups, £80 should have been rowed for at Worcester, but it was agreed that the winner of the Worcester Town Plate should be the holders. Thus the Hereford Rowing Club have now won the Wye Challenge Vase twice in four contests.

The Hereford club was not so fortunate at the Tewkesbury Regatta on 24th July when competing for the Toddington Vase, winning the first heat but beaten in the final by the Shrewsbury Pengwern Club, owing to a wave unshipping No. 3's oar. The crew were:- E.J. Hatton, J.A.T. Nicholson, F. Wilding, J.R. Symonds (Stroke).

Regattas were held at Chester and Bath in early August, but the Hereford Club had to be satisfied by coming second in the principal events, the City of Chester Challenge Cup, value 80 guineas, and the West of England Challenge Vase, value 100 guineas, the crew for the latter race being :- E.C. Hatton, J.A.T. Nicholson, F. Wilding, J.R. Symonds, Stroke, H.G. Nicholson (Cox). This crew was beaten by Shrewsbury by a third of a length.

This latter defeat was avenged at the Shrewsbury Regatta on 16th August, when the same crew beat the Shrewsbury Pengwern Club by a yard in the Senior fours race for the Shrewsbury Plate, value £30. The Corporation Plate, value £15 with four silver medals for Junior Fours was won by the Hereford crew of J.R. James, E.p. Bullar, D.C. Delafosse, C. Smith (Stroke), H.G. Nicholson (Cox).

The 1877 season closed with some scratch races on 29th September, the winners being:- Price, S. Watkins, H. Bottrell, F. Wilding (Stroke), H. Jordan (Cox).

1878

The name of Richard Jordan appears frequently in these records, not only through his services in connection with rowing and particularly with his generous attitude towards the Hereford rowing Club, but as a brave man instrumental in saving many lives that otherwise would have been lost by drowning. It is therefore gratifying to learn that a testimonial fund had been raised and up to mid March 1878 a considerable sum had been collected. On 15th March a cheque for £56. 12s. 0d. was handed to him the balance having been given to him at two or three different times.

Another name frequently mentioned is that of the Hereford Cathedral School. This was not surprising when it is realised that the school was, and still is, almost to be regarded as a nursery for Hereford Rowing Club. Thus at the School Regatta on 13th April, 1878, it is noted that the crews were coached by J. Nicholson and F. Wilding, both of Hereford Rowing Club. Furthermore R. Jordan acted as umpire and C. Delfosse as starter.

In early May of the same year it was decided to hold a Hereford Regatta in July, a programme of which has been preserved. It was duly held on the 25th July in rather poor weather and according to contemporary accounts, proved a rather tame affair. Here are the results.

Corporation Plate.

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| (1) | Evesham Rowing Club | |
| (2) | Hereford Rowing Club | M.M. Whitfield, W. Jacob, A. Watkins,
H. Clarkson, (Stroke), H.G. Nicholson (Cox). |

Junior Sculls.

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| (1) | R. Martin of Evesham. | |
| (2) | E. George of Hereford Rowing Club. | |
| | (As given in the Hereford Journal, in the Hereford times the Hereford sculler is given as Evan Lane.) | |

West of England Challenge Vase.

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| (1) | Avon Rowing Club | |
| (2) | Hereford Rowing Club. | E.J. Hatton, J.A.T. Nicholson, E. Capel Smith,
J.R. Symonds (Stroke), H.G. Nicholson (Cox). |

Wye Challenge Vase.

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| (1) | Pengwern Rowing Club (Shrewsbury). | |
| (2) | Avon Rowing Club. | |
| | The Hereford Rowing Club entered but at the starting point Capel Smith became too ill to row and the crew withdrew. | |

Extra Prize for Hereford crews who competed for but did not win the Corporation Plate.

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| (1) | Hereford Juveniles. | C. Morgan, W. Rumsey, W. Badham,
R. Jordan (Stroke), T. Owens (Cox). |
| (2) | Nil Desperandum. | W. Smith, A. Preece, P. Morgan, E. Jordan
(Stroke), Wigler (Cox).
Nil Desperandum graciously allowed the
Juveniles to win, making no effort. |

Ladies Plate. Not competed for.

The laws of racing, known as the "Putney Rules" as given in the Rowing Almanac, were enforced.

The 1878 rowing season provided formidable problems for amateur clubs. Just consider the programme of events for the month of July and the opening days of August.

16 th July,	Evesham.	30 th July,	Tewkesbury.
17 th July,	Burton-on-Trent.	31 st July,	Bedford.
18 th July,	Worcester.	2 nd August,	Chester.
22 nd July,	Oxford	3 rd August,	Tewkesbury.
25 th July,	Hereford.	5 th August,	Bath.
27 th July,	Agecroft (Manchester)	5 th August,	Mersey and Irwell.
29 th July,	Bewdley.	5 th August,	Bridgnorth.

All these, with perhaps the exception of Bedford are within reasonable access from Hereford, but it is manifestly impracticable for a club to enter a representative crew for three regattas in one day.

There are no records to show that the Hereford Club competed at any other of these regattas with the exception of its own and that at Bath.

At Bath Hereford Rowing Club was beaten by the Bristol Ariel Club, but A. Watkins won the final heat in the canoe race, so that one award, even if only a minor one came into Hereford hands.

1879

It has been mentioned that the Rowing Club members were interested in other sports apart from rowing, so that it is not remarkable that at a Hereford Amateur Athletic Meeting on 15th February, 1879, Mr. F. Wilding occupied the chair. Other Club members present were J.R. Symonds, T.W. Allen, G.C. McAdam and many others. The meeting was for the purpose of arranging a sports meeting on Easter Monday. Hereford Rowing Club Members acted as officials at the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 5th April, but the Club season started in earnest in 1879 with the offer of four cups for four oared scratch races from a quarter mile above the railway bridge to Jordan's boat house, the judge being R. Jordan. Results:-

- (1) Nicholson's crew. - Butler, J. Fowler, F.R. Jones, - Nicholson (Stroke), - Nicholson (Cox).
- (2) Scobie's crew. C.Fowler, - Jacob, A. Watkins, - Scobie (Stroke), - Browne (Cox).

On 14th May the Chepstow Rowing Club opened its season but there was no Hereford competitors. A very brief history of this club (**Chepstow Miscellany** by Ivor Waters) tells us that there was a Beachley Regatta in 1839, several races in 1860, a Chepstow Regatta in 1863 and various races were run from Chepstow to Tintern, the times varying from 55 to 62½ minutes. The first rowing club was formed in May 1865 and two others in 1877 and apart from the regatta mentioned above, a regatta was held in 1878.

And now not only the Hereford Rowing Club, but the whole sporting fraternity of Hereford a great loss, for Frederick Wilding announced his intention to depart to New Zealand immediately after his marriage. He was a noted athlete, founder and late captain of the football club, a prominent cricketer and one time captain of Hereford Rowing Club. On 21st June he received a presentation from the Hereford Rowing Club and the Hereford Football Club on the occasion of his marriage.

At Shrewsbury in early July the Worcester Rowing Club won the West of England Challenge Vase, Hereford not competing. The venue therefore of the next race will be at Worcester.

The Tewkesbury Regatta of 29th July produced no Hereford entries, but three Club members acted as officials at the Hereford Amateur Athletic Club races in mid August, 1879, Delfosse, Nicholson and J.H. Stephens.

The 1879 season closed with a regatta at Chepstow, but the only Hereford entry was that of the Wye Rowing Club, a name that appears at irregular intervals during this history.

1880

Somewhat later than usual the Hereford Rowing Club 1880 season opened on 29th April with scratch crew races. Result:-

- (1) E.P. Bullar, J.B. Forold, A. Williams, H. Clarkson (Stroke), John Jordan (Cox).
- (2) C.J. Devis, P. Webb, F.R. James, J.A.T. Nicholson (Stroke), Tom Jordan (Cox).

An amusing incident occurred at the Chepstow Club scratch races in May, when a person refusing to pay his gambling debts was seized and thrown in the river. No Hereford names were mentioned so the blame must be placed locally.

The efforts of the Hereford Club at the Worcester Regatta on 15th July, 1880, though strenuous, were unavailing. Hereford won the first and third heats of the West of England Challenge Vase contest, beating Bristol Ariel and Gloucester Rowing Clubs, but in the final were beaten by Worcester by three lengths. The crew was:-

J.A. Nicholson, J. Fowler, J.R. Symonds and G.H. Fenner (Stroke).

E.J. Bullar entered the junior sculls on behalf of Hereford but did not put in an appearance.

Two other items for 1880 close a somewhat disappointing chronicle for the year. No Hereford names appear at the Tewkesbury Regatta on 5th August. On 13th December it was decided to amalgamate the Worcester Ariel Rowing Club with the Worcester Rowing Club.

1881

Rather more activity was evidenced in the following year, the Ross Rowing Club opening its season on the 1st April and the Hereford Rowing Club followed suit on the 7th when scratch races were rowed with results as follows.

- 1st Heat. (1) G.H. Symonds, E. George, A. Watkins, N.J. Hatton (Stroke).
 (2) - Bowell, W. Crompton, M. Scobie, Rev H.P. Smith (Stroke).

- 2nd Heat. (1) C. Myer, P. Webb, J.R. Symonds, G.H. Fenner (Stroke).
 (2) - Ebrall, - Badham, - Graham, H. Disney (Stroke).
 (Fenner and Disney were formerly in the Hertford College Boat. Another new Hereford Club member mentioned at the time was Burgess of the O.W.B.C.).

- 3rd Heat. (1) M. Whitfield, Rev. C. Panter, - Docker, J. Nicholson (Stroke).
 (2) - Powell, - Jacob, - Bowell, - Scobie (Stroke).

- 4th Heat. Hatton's boat beat Fenner's.

- Final. Nicholson's crew beat Hatton's by three quarters of a length.

Starter, T.W. Allen; Judges, R. Jordan and T. Smith; Coxswains, J., W. and T Jordan.

The Hereford Cathedral School Regatta in April included a race between Past and Present members of the school. The Past won by ¼ length and the crews included many members of the Hereford Rowing Club. Result:-

- (1) H. Symonds, J.A.T. Nicholson, M.J.G. Scobie, J.R. Symonds (Stroke), H.G. Nicholson (Cox).
- (2) T.H. Parker, N.P. Symonds, H.W. Davies, G.H. Fenner (Stroke), - Beaumont (Cox).

According to the "Hereford Times" of 11th June, 1881, "The art of rowing is at last looking up in Hereford. The Hereford Rowing Club numbers about 54 members..... We understand that Harry Clasper, of Wansworth is engaged to train the crews....." On 9th June some scratch crews competed. Results:-

- 1st Heat. (1) - Hamblin, W. Badham, H. Hatton, J.A. Nicholson (Stroke).
 (2) E.P. Bullar, Parry Jones, J. Graham, N. Symonds (Stroke),

- 2nd Heat. (1) - Bowell, C. Myer, A. Watkins, E.M. Cowan (Stroke).
 (2) - Powell, - Whitfield, H. Clarkson, M. Scobie (Stroke).

In the final Watkins changed places with Cowtain and Nicholson's crew won by a length. The coxswains were T. and W. Jordan.

Possibly urged to action by a letter in the Hereford Times of 25th June, a meeting was held on the 29th June to consider the holding of a regatta on the Wye in 1881. A committee of seven, with J.R. Symonds and T.W. Allen as 'ex-officio' members was appointed with a view to collecting subscriptions. The idea was abandoned later owing to the fear of not attracting sufficient support, but it was intended to hold a regatta in 1882.

In late July the Hereford Club was unfortunate when competing for the West of England Challenge Vase at the Tewkesbury Regatta, beating Worcester Club in the first heat, but losing to Bridgnorth in the final owing to the third seat in the boat suddenly becoming unworkable. The crew was:-

J.A. Nicholson, J.R. Symonds, W.H. Disney, G.H. Fenner (Stroke), J. Jordan (Cox).

In the Toddington Vase contest the Hereford crew was beaten by Bridgnorth in the second heat, and in the Severn Plate again was beaten by the Stratford-on-Avon Rowing Club.

Mid August witnessed another disappointment for the Hereford crew at the Bewdley Regatta when it was beaten by North Warwickshire in the fifth heat for the ladies plate, the crew consisting of:-

W. Weaver and W. Badham with J. Jordan as cox.

The 1881 season ended with scratch races on 22nd September with four cups to the value of £5 as prizes. The winning crew was:-

E.P. Bullar, C. Fowler, J.R. Symonds, J. Nicholson (Stroke),
 Starter, T.W. Allen; umpire, T.W. Stallard; coxswains, T. and W. Jordan.

1882

The 1882 season opened in late April with scratch races, only three crews however competing, the winning crew being:-

W. Phillips, - Docker, - Graham, E.P. Bullar (Stroke).

A somewhat surprising item in this history was the engagement of George Bubear of Barnes as trainer and coach, his services being available to all members of the Club. There is no record of the period of his services, but a perusal of some of his achievements make one wonder what inducement brought him to Hereford. Surely Hereford could not afford to pay him what would be considered a reasonable sum. A short list of his contests is appended.

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| 1 st February, 1882. | Bubear beat J.Rix for £50 aside in a sculling match. |
| 29 th April, 1882. | Bubear beaten by S. Gookin of Boston, U.S.A. in a match for £50 on the Thames. |
| 22 nd May, 1882. | Bubear beat J. Rix for £200 aside. |
| 4 th August, 182. | Bubear beat c. Brightwell for £100. |
| 28 th October, 1882. | Bubear beaten by D. Godwin of Battersea after a collision and finishing two lengths in front, the umpire awarding a foul in favour of Godwin. The match was for £100 aside. |
| 11 th December, 1882. | Bubear beat L. Gibson of Putney for £200 aside. |
| 23 rd December, 1882. | Bubear beat D. Godwin for £200 aside. |
| 20 th August, 1883. | Bubear beat J. Largen of Hammersmith for £200 on the Thames. |
| *2 nd February, 1884. | Bubear beat W. Elliott of Blyth on the Thames for £200 aside. |
| *22 nd November, 1884. | Bubear beaten by G.Perkins of Rotherhythe for £200 aside. |
| 31 st March, 1885. | Bubear beaten by D. Godwin for £100 aside on the Thames. |
| *27 th June, 1885. | Bubear declines challenge by unnamed opponent, stating that he had no time for training, but offered to play at skittles for £25 aside. |

1 st May, 1886.	Bubear beat W. Pearce for £100 on the Thames by 3 to 4 lengths.
3 rd June 1886.	Bubear beat Christian Nelson of Sydney, New South Wales for £200 aside on the Thames.
24 th July, 1886.	Bubear beat Peter Kemp of Sydney, New South Wales by three lengths on the Thames.
*25 th September, 1886.	Bubear again beat Peter Kemp by two lengths for £100 aside.
7 th February ,1887.	Bubear wins Championship of England, beating Geo. Perkins on the Tyne by three lengths, for £200 aside
9 th April, 1887.	Bubear leaves for Canada, probably to partner Edward Hanlan in pair oared races. Later Bubear Made extended tours.
2 nd December, 1887.	Bubear claims World Championship after Beach had defeated Hanlan and resigned immediately afterwards.
14 th February, 1888.	Bubear beaten by Ross for England Championship.

* The actual dates were some time during the previous week, not as given where marked *.

The 8th July saw Bubear rowing in public for the first time as stroke on the Wye in a series of three heats and a final for six crews, his side including:- - Wigley, 'Gloucester', R. Jordan Jun., and himself as stroke of the winning crew. R. Jordan lent the boats and acted as judge.

No great satisfaction was felt by the Hereford Club at the Stourport Regatta on 10th July, where in the Members Plate, they were beaten by Worcester in the final (C.S.P. Jones, stroke), and for the Town Plate by Evesham. A member, A. Watkins came third in the Canoe race for the Ladies Prize.

Another unfortunate day was that of the Worcester Regatta on 13th July, when Hereford entered for the Junior Fours but the crew did not appear and the race was not run. In the President's Plate the Hereford men were beaten in the final by Worcester. The crew was:-

W.P. Symonds, H.J.S. Clarkson, J.L. Graham, W. Badham (Stroke), - Hammond (Cox).

July was a busy month for the Club, for on the 15th, six crews competed in four oared races, but owing to darkness the final was not run and the two crews left divided the stakes. Here are the names.

- (a) T. Preece, A. Errington, W. Lewis, F. Eldridge.
- (b) R. Jordan, W. Smith, E. Jordan, - Godsall.

Then followed on 24th July a pair oared race with the following result:-

- (1) F. Eldridge, J. Prosser.
- (2) W. Prosser, G.C. Bird.

Starter, - Johnson; judge, - Colley.

The Ross Regatta on Bank Holiday, 1882, was of an encouraging nature for Hereford, whose pair, T. Preece and J. Preece with F. Eldridge as cox, beat a Ross pair in the Watermen's race for a prize valued at £3. In an open pair oared race the Hereford men, N.P. Symonds and H.J.S. Clarkson with H. Hammond as cox were beaten by Gloucester. In the four oared race (Open), with a prize of the value of £21 they were successful, beating the crew from Gloucester by four lengths, the Hereford crew being:-

N.P. Symonds, C.P. Jones, H.J.S. Clarkson, W. Badham (Stroke), H. Hammond (Cox).

1883

Although practically two more months were available for rowing club activities no more news, is at the time of writing, available until the 1st March, 1883 (owing to bad weather the scratch races to conclude the 1882 season were abandoned), when at the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected:-

Captain.	J.R. Symonds.
Deputy Captain.	J.L. Graham.
Hon. Secretary.	H.J.S. Clarkson.

Treasurer.	T.W. Allen.			
Committee.	H.W. Disney,	E.J. Hatton,	F. James,	J.A.T. Nicholson,
	M.J.G. Scobie,	A. Watkins,	G. McAdam.	

It was pointed out that the race for the West of England Vase fell this year to the turn of Hereford, and if not taken advantage of, would revert for another five years. With this in view it was decided to hold a regatta this year.

The active start to the 1883 season was on 5th April with scratch races for four cups, one for each of the winning crew. As in recent years the fours were not confined to club members and amongst the competitors were past and present members of the Hereford Cathedral School. Seven heats were rowed, including the final, the winners being:-

- Morris, - Ware, N.P. Symonds, - Badham (Stroke).

Once again it seems that an occasional prod was necessary to goad the club into action for a remark in the 'Hereford Journal' of 23rd June was that "though the Hereford Regatta is fixed for the 26th July, not a single Hereford Rowing Club crew has been practicing on the river." The remark may have become known to the Club before publication, for, a day previously a meeting selected two or three crews to represent the city. About the same time the Hereford Cathedral School selected a crew to row at Henley, consisting of D.L. Rhys, F.C. Palmer, H.S. Ware, N.P. Symonds (Stroke), B. Norton (Cox). Some of the names will be recognised as those of Hereford Rowing Club members. At the Henley Regatta on 5th July this crew beat Magdalen College School Boating Club in the first heat and followed up this success by winning the Public Schools Challenge Cup the next day, beating Bedford Grammar School and St. Peter's College, Westminster.

Two familiar faces were greatly missed at Hereford Regatta on 26th July, those of F. Wilding and F.C. McAdam, the more so when in the race for the West of England Challenge Vase the Hereford crew was beaten by Worcester in the first heat, the Hereford crew being:-

J.A.T. Nicholson, N.P. Symonds, H.W. Disney, W. Badham (Stroke), H. Hammond (Cox).

Worcester won the final, beating Stratford-on-Avon.

Junior Sculls, for clinker built boats, prize value 4 guineas.

- (1) R.F. Leslie, Hereford Rowing Club.
- (2) E.P. Bullar, Hereford Rowing Club.

Wye Challenge Cup, value 50 guineas

Worcester rowed over.

Corporation Plate, value 10 guineas, for amateurs not having won a prize over 10 guineas.

- (1) Hereford Rowing Club. A.T. Nicholson, W. Barton, H.F.S. Brown, C.E. Morris (Stroke),
H. Hammonds (Cox).
- (2) Bridgnorth.

Another crew, only established a few days before, the Hereford Town Rowing Club, was beaten in the first round by Bridgnorth. It comprised, A.R. Crompton, H. Pearce, R. Jordan, E. Jordan (Stroke), J. Jordan (Cox). The stern. The result was that water entered the boat and it sank, leaving both in the river. The lady managed to swim almost to the bank where she was pulled out by spectators, but Ineson, whose swimming powers were of the feeblest sank in spite of attempts to rescue him.

Only the bare results of the Hereford Club closed regatta on 1st September can be given, though it is apparent that several side shows were added to present an event of more general interest.

Bury Cup. Mr. Shaw.

Gents Randan. H. Stewart, C. Jefferson, R. Slatter.
Mixed doubles. S.E. Parsons, Miss Crissall.
Scratch Fours. S.E. Parsons, N. Slatter, M. Portlock, W.E. Bulmer.
Pair Oars. E. Lloyd and S.R.G. Thomas.
Single Sculls. S.E. Parsons.

J. Jarvis and F. Nicholls are named as the coxes.

The evening terminated with a flannel ball at the Town Hall.

1899

An almost forgotten occurrence to the writer was brought to his memory when he read that in early March, 1899, Fred Crompton, the Hereford Rowing Club attendant had a narrow escape. One of two boys, both of the Hereford Cathedral School had been firing a gun near the river bank close by the Hereford Infirmary when a bullet penetrated his hat without causing any personal injury. In the writer's case it was whilst sculling near Nottingham on the Trent that a shot pierced his cap.

Once again the Hereford Cathedral School opened its competitive 1899 season with a regatta on 11th March, including the annual 'Oxford' v 'Cambridge' contest. Result:-

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| (1) | 'Oxford' | Thomas, Bourdas, Nutman. Corban (Stroke), Hatton (Cox). |
| (2) | 'Cambridge' | Lofthouse, Embirices, Connop. Woods (Stroke), Travis (Cox). |

On 22nd March the school was beaten by Worcester Cathedral School at Hereford by three quarters of a length, the Hereford crew being:-

B.K. Nutman, L.H. Corban, G.R. Connop, R. Woods (Stroke), A.G. Travis.

Three days later the same crew was beaten by Monmouth Grammar School at Monmouth, again by three quarters of a length.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club was held on 28th March with T.W. Allen in the chair, but with a small attendance. The report stated that the liabilities had been reduced from £132 to £88, whilst £8 was still outstanding. No new boats had been purchased during the year and detailed accounts were presented on the same lines as last year. The officers elected were:- President, F.R. James (Mayor of Hereford), Vice-presidents, the same as last year with the additions of H.C. Moffatt, A.W. Foster and Charles Rootes (who had presented the Club with a boat). Captain S. Myer; Sub-captains, W. Carless and Leonard Hatton; Treasurer, T.W. Allen; Joint Secretaries, A.C. Conyoy and A.E. Elliot. A Committee was also elected.

In mid April it was stated that the Club had nearly 140 members and that a regatta had been fixed for 20th July, when the West of England Challenge Vase would be rowed for.

Very brief notice was taken in the local press of the Junior handicap race of the Club on the 2nd and 3rd May, the result being:-

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| (1) | Phillips and Hull. |
| (2) | Hatton and Slatter (5 secs.). |

Eight pairs entered for third of a mile course, the starter being S. Myer (Captain) and judge Wilfred Carless (Sub-captain).

About the same date the programme for provincial regattas was arranged as follows:-

28 th June,	Evesham.	20 th July,	Hereford
3 rd July,	Stourport.	22 nd July,	Nottingham.

12th July,
13th July,

Burton.
Worcester.

7th August,

Tewkesbury.

A long glowing account was given in the 'Hereford Times' of 13th May regarding the activities of the Hereford Rowing Club. Those not actually rowing in the evenings were doing painting and gardening to improve the appearance of the Club house and grounds. Five crews were being trained, two seniors, one junior and two maiden fours. The first senior was composed of L. Hatton, J. Nurse, T. Owens, S. Marchant (Stroke), who were juniors last year. The second senior crew was H.E. Oakeley, W. Potter, J. Goss, and W. Oakeley, all of whom would be 'down' during the summer and willing to row. Coaching every evening was aided by the use of a megaphone. Training in earnest was to begin next week.

Late in May a meeting was convened by the Mayor of Hereford (F.R. James) when a committee was formed including non-members of the Club to raise funds for the forthcoming regattas. It was announced that a new boat had been ordered and would be in Hereford in less than a month. This meeting must have had some connection with a bazaar and Jingle Sale opened in the Corn Exchange by the Mayor on 30th May on behalf of Hereford Rowing Club.

At the Bridgnorth Regatta on 6th July the Hereford Senior crew beat Birmingham in the first heat by two lengths, but lost in the final to Bridgnorth, the crew being Carless, Hatton, Owens, Marchant (Stroke).

At the Worcester Regatta on 13th July a Club Senior crew, consisting of W.T. Carless, S. Marchant, T. Owens and L.C. Hatton (Stroke) beat Worcester in the first heat by two lengths but were beaten by Nottingham in the next heat. The Maiden crew was more fortunate, beating Evesham in the first heat by 1½ lengths and Gloucester in the final by a length after a magnificent race. The crew was:-

C. Hull, W. Nash, H. Dixon, W. Phillips (Stroke).

The Hereford Rowing Club Regatta on 20th July was a most ambitious affair, no less than 45 events being arranged, including other items besides rowing, the whole affair being held under A.R.A. and P.A.R.C., rules, with an imposing list of officials. Results and crew names follow:-

Maiden Sculls, ½ mile, prize value 3 guineas, presented by P.A. Clive.

- (1) W.H. Kelly.
- (2) H. Dutton.

Open Pair Oars, ½ mile, prize value 5 guineas, in sliding seat clinkers provided by the committee.

- (1) J. Goss and E.A. Capel (Hereford Rowing Club).
- (2) Worcester Pair.

West of England Challenge Vase, 1 mile, value 120 guineas, with presentation prize value 30 guineas for seniors.

Hereford Rowing Club was beaten in the first heat by Burton.

Crew:- W.T. Carless, S. Marchant, T. Owen, L.C. Hatton (Stroke), J Jordan (Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Cup, ¾ mile, with presentation prize value 8 guineas provided by the Committee, for maiden fours in fixed seat clinkers provided by the Committee.

Hereford Rowing Club beat Redcliffe in the second heat but lost to Cardiff in the final, the crew being:- A.S. Slatter, G. Thomas, W. Gore, F. Pritchard (Stroke), J. Jordan (Cox).

Ladies Plate, ¾ mile, prize value 10 guineas for junior fours (P.A.R.C. Rules), in clinkers with sliding seats.

Hereford entered two crews. The first, C. Hull, W. Nash, H. Dixon, W. Phillips (Stroke), T. Jordan (Cox), beat Stourport in the first heat by two feet.

The second crew, W. Pritchard, F.T. Carver, W. Diamond, H. Dutton (Stroke), T. Jordan (Cox), had a bye.

In the final Dutton's crew decided not to compete against Phillip's crew in recognition of the latter's splendid race against Stourport so Phillip's crew claimed the prize.

The Swimming Championship was won by C.H. Bradley

Pair Oars, Police lost to Postmen.

Upset Canoe Race. 1. Meredith. 2. Hull. 3. Evans.

Diving Competition, won by D. Maylott of Hereford Swimming Club.

120 yards Swimming Handicap, won by E.A. Fry of Penarth.

50 yards Swimming Race, won by Cox.

Water Polo. Tewkesbury beat Hereford by four goals to nil.

Wye Challenge Vase, 1 mile, prize value 50 guineas, with presentation prize value 15 guineas, the winner of the West of England Challenge Vase barred.

In the second heat Hereford walked over as Nottingham had won the West of /England Vase.

In the fourth heat Hereford lost to Burton Leander, the losing crew being:- W.T. Carless, S. Marchant, T. Owen, L. Hatton (Stroke), J. Jordan (Cox).

Obstacle Race. (1) W.J. Morgan. (2) H.W. Smith.

Greasy Pole, won by L. Lambe, All eight competitors were given prizes.

Next came a bicycle gymkhana and a musical entertainment. The Hon. Mrs. Leigh distributed the prizes and caused smiles when she said after giving the two cups, that it was on the distinct understanding that they were to be brought back the next year.

A disappointment awaited the Hereford Club when competing for the Mythe Challenge Cup at Tewkesbury Regatta on 7th August 1899. There were five entries, Hereford, Gloucester, Kingston (Hull), Stourport and Pelican (London). In the first heat Gloucester beat Kingston. In the second Stourport had a row over. (Its crew included Donne, an old Herefordian). In the third heat Pelican beat Hereford by 1½ lengths, the latter's crew consisting of:- Hull, Nash, Dixon, Phillips (Stroke), Jordan (Cox). In the final the result was:- (1) Gloucester, (2) Stourport, (3) Pelican.

A mixed bag was the result at the Cardiff Regatta on 2nd September. The Hereford Junior-Seniors were beaten by Taff by a half length, the crew being:- L.C. Hatton, S.J. Marchant, T. Owens, H. Hammond (Stroke).

The Junior crew however beat Cardiff in the first heat by five lengths and beat Penarth in the final by four or five lengths, this in spite of the narrow bridge that necessitated the withdrawal of oars to permit passage. The crew was:- C.W. Hull, W.H. Nash, H. Dutton, W.N. Phillips (Stroke).

On 30th September came the last series of races for the Club. Briefly the results were:-

Parker Challenge Cup for sculls over a half mile course.

- (1) C. Hull (2 secs).
- (2) E. Hill (7 secs).

Double Sculls for two cups presented by W.W.S. Davies, ½ mile course.

- (1) W.H. Nash and C. Hull.
- (2) E. Hill and J.C. White.

The scratch four race was abandoned owing to insufficiency of entries. The judge was W.T. Carless and the starters E.A. Capel and H.J. Hammonds.

The social activities of the Club came to an end on 24th November with a supper and smoking concert at the Mitre, presided over by F.R. James. The late secretary E.G. Davies was presented with an illuminated address in recognition of his aid in making the concrete steps referred to earlier in these pages. T.W. Meats was also to have been a recipient of another illuminated address, but unfortunately he was unavoidably absent. During the programme it was announced that a profit had been made at the Jingle Sale.

1900

The Boer War was now well in progress, so that it is not surprising that H.E.H. Oakley, now at St. John's College, had gone into training with the Cambridge University Volunteers preparatory to leaving for South Africa. It will be remembered that he was an old Herefordian and that two years previously to this date (January 1900) he had been a reserve man for the Cambridge eight.

Once again it may be pointed out that Club members were not confined to rowing as a means of exercise. In a gymnastic display on 26th February many Rowing Club members appear on the scene.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on 26th March, Councillor James presiding. The secretary A. Elliot reported that the expenditure had been nearly £45 more than the previous year, owing to boathouse improvements and the purchase of a new boat. There was a balance in hand of £17 and about £29 was outstanding in unpaid subscriptions. When W.J. Humfreys the Mayor of Hereford was elected President he remarked that though he was not a very good oarsman, he had, in his time, been a very good swimmer. Other officials were elected; the Vice-presidents en bloc: Captain, Sydney Myer: Sub-captains, W. Carless and W.W.S. Davies; Treasurer, T.W. Allen; Secretary, A.Elliot. Seven new members were elected.

Two other items were suggestions that some minor obstacles should be removed from the river to facilitate pleasure boating, and there should be only a Members Regatta this year.

On 28th March, 1900 the Hereford Cathedral School crew beat the Worcester Cathedral crew at Worcester by a half length, the Hereford crew being:- T.M. Lofthouse, R.W. Woods, G.r. Connop, B.K. Nutman (Stroke), A.G. Hatton (Cox).

The same Hereford Cathedral crew, on 31st March beat Monmouth Grammar School at Hereford by 2½ lengths, in spite of one of the crew catching a crab soon after the start. R.C. Beddoe was the judge.

At the Stourport Regatta on 2nd July the Hereford Rowing Club was unlucky in being beaten in the first heat of the Maiden Fours by Birmingham, Slatter at bow, striking with his oar a boat moored within 100 yards of the start. To the crew, this meant a loss of fully two lengths in consequence. It was composed of:- A.W. Slatter, F.J. Horth, J. Stooke-Vaughan, N.V. Diamond (Stroke), P. White (Cox).

A contemporary commentator remarked on the frequency with which byes and the best positions go to local crews at regattas. He suggested that draws be made by disinterested parties.

This same crew had only slightly better fortune at Bridgnorth Regatta on 16th July when in the Maiden Fours over a ¾ mile course, it beat Bridgnorth in the first heat by five lengths but succumbed to Bewdley Rowing Club by three lengths in the later stage. However, in a race for scratch fours a crew stroked by Stooke-Vaughan and coxed by White proved victorious.

Then followed the Saltford Regatta on 28th July when Burton Leander beat the Hereford Club in the first heat of the City Challenge Vase and went on to win the final. In the Saltford Plate Senior Fours the Hereford crew, comprising C. Hull, S.J. Marchant, W. Davies and H.J. Hammonds (Stroke), beat Bristol in an early heat and Bradford-on-Avon in the final, thus gaining the award.

About this time there appeared in "Rowing Notes" by "Sports Argus" an appropriate paragraph. "Birmingham won the Corporation Plate at Nottingham on Saturday, 28th July. I think they may thank Capel for this win, though they all pulled well together. A.E. Capel has come to the crew when it seemed on the wane. As stroke the old Herefordian has this year done much good for the Birmingham Senior Fours.

When competing for the West of England Challenge Vase at Tewkesbury Regatta on 7th August the Hereford crew reached the final, but owing to the sudden outbreak of a gale making matters almost impossible for a boat

on the side of the river allotted to them the stroke, H.J. Hammond was advised to give up, allowing Burton to paddle to the finish. The crew was:- C. Hull, S. Marchant, W. Davies, H.J. Hammond (Stroke), - Davies (Cox).

In the event for the Toddington Vase, Hereford beat Burton Leander and met Tewkesbury in the final. Then developed an almost unique position. The boats fouled near the bridge and Hereford protested against a win by Tewkesbury. It appeared that the umpire was in a boat about 300 yards behind the competitors and could not see what had happened. Tewkesbury accepted the umpire's decision and retained the vase, but offered the presentation prizes to the Hereford crew. Some very dignified and friendly correspondence ensued, resulting in Tewkesbury, in a most sportsmanlike manner, forwarded the cups to Hereford as a practical proof that the protest raised was a perfectly legitimate one.

Hereford closed its competitive season for 1900 with a Members Regatta on 13th September. The club enclosure was open to the public on payment of a shilling which included the provision of afternoon tea. H.C. Beddoe acted as judge for the contests, the results of which follow:-

Parker Cup, handicap for sculls.

- (1) C. Hull (scratch).
- (2) W.J. Clarke (10 secs). (Clarke's slide got entangled with his clothing).

Double Sculls

- (1) Hammond and Owen.
- (2) Nurse and Vaughan. (There were altogether six heats.).

Scratch fours

- (1) Hull, Hatton, Vaughan, E. Hammond
- (2) Britton, Horth, Davies, Pritchard.

1901

The first three items for 1901 are concerned with the Hereford Cathedral School crew. On 4th March the annual "Oxford" 'v' "Cambridge" race resulted:-

- (1) "Oxford" E.S. Taylor, J.H.W. Jones, G.Wilson, P.J.Lewis (Stroke), R. Williams (Cox).
- (2) "Cambridge" R.A. Anthony, G.H. Grimes, H. Horton, R.V. Woods (Stroke), E.J. Dutton (Cox).

The race was very close, only three feet separating the boats.

The second event was at Hereford, where the Hereford Cathedral was beaten by Worcester on 23rd March, the losing crew being:- E.A. Anthony, J.H.W. Jones, R.W. Woods, P.J. Lewis (Stroke), E.G. Dutton (Cox). The judge was Mr. Symonds-Taylor; starter, T.W. Allen; umpire, umpire J. Stokes-Vaughan.

The same Cathedral crew lost to Monmouth Grammar School at Monmouth on 27th March by 1½ lengths.

In the event for the West of England Challenge Vase at Worcester Regatta on 27th June, the Hereford Rowing Club was beaten by Nottingham in the first heat, the crew being:- A.W. Slatter, T. Owen, W.J. Davies, H.J. Hammonds (Stroke), P. White (Cox). In the final the Nottingham men were beaten by Burton Rowing Club by half a length.

Hereford entered a crew for the Boddington Challenge Vase at Stourport Regatta on 29th June, but failed to appear. Consequently Nottingham Britannia had a row over for the first round and won the final.

A pleasant ceremony took place on 18th July when Hereford Club's new boat, built at Hereford was launched by Mrs. T.W. Allen, wife of the oldest Club member. She was suitably thanked by Mr. Hammond the Club Captain.

At Salford Regatta on 27th July the Hereford Club beat Bath Avon in the first round and Radcliffe by three lengths subsequently, thus winning the Bath City Challenge Vase, valued at £50 with presentation prizes of the value of £25, the crew consisting of:- A. Slatter, T. Owen, W.J. Davies, H.J. Hammond (Stroke), P. White (Cox). As White only weighed four stones Hereford had to carry three stones of lead to make up his weight to seven stones. This was the first Challenge Vase to be taken by Hereford since 1875. Owing to this win the crew was debarred from competing in the Salford Plate event.

The Rowing Club must have been in a generous mood on 5th September, the occasion of the Members Regatta, when a free tea was given to the visitors to the enclosure. There were five events in all, the judge being Capt. Giles.

Parker Challenge Cup for sculls, with a prize value 10/6 given by the Club.

- (1) J.E. Oakley (scratch).
- (2) A.W. Slatter (4 secs).

Double Sculls. Two prizes, value £1, given by the Club.

- (1) J. Nurse and T.P. B. Giles – (winning by a foot only).
- (2) H.J. Hammond and W.N. Phillips.

Dinghy Race with one scull. Prize, value 10/6 given by a member, 200 yards.

- (1) H.J. Hammond.
- (2) A.J. Goodwin.

Scratch Fours. Prize, value £2, given by the Club, in clinker boats. 1/3 mile.

- (1) A.C. Slatter, J.E. Oakley, W.P. Pritchard, S. Marchant (Stroke).
- (2) Britten, Nurse, Davies, Phillips (Stroke).

The fifth event was a tug-of-war in punts but no result is available.

The day finished with a supper and concert at the Mitre, with H.J. Hammond, the Captain, in the chair supported by J.E.E. Oakley as vice chairman.

1902

As in the previous year the season for 1902 commenced with the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on the 1st March, when the principal event was the traditional "Oxford" 'v' "Cambridge" contest, the starter being F.F. Fison, with the judges, R. Palmer and J.J. G. Carson. Result:-

- (1) "Oxford" H.C. Garden, J.W. Peppercorn, H. Horton, G.H. Grimes (Stroke), G.H. Davies (Cox).
- (2) "Cambridge" S.H. Davies, R.W. Davies, H.V. Diamond, P.J. Lewis (Stroke), T.R. Worthing (Cox).

It will be noticed that three men were named Davies, thus bearing out the repeated caution of assigning initials where these are omitted in the records.

The Annual General Meeting of the Rowing Club was held on 21st March, H.J. Hammond presiding. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £7. 10. 4d. as against that of last year of £4. 9. 3d. Officials elected were as follows:-

President, J.S. Arkwright M.P.

Vice-presidents:- The Mayor, Lord Chesterfield, Deputy Mayor (W?J? Humfrys), Sir John Cotterell, Sir J. Rankin, M.P., Capt. P. Clive M.P., Rev. A.J. Capel, Paul Foley, W.T. Barneby, T.W. Allen, G.C. Bourne, R.T. Hinckes, T.W. Meats, H. Clarkson, C. Rootes, J.R. Symonds, R.H. Symonds-Taylor and A. Watkins.

Captain:- H.J. Hammonds.

Vice-captains:- A.W. Slatter, S. Marchant, W.N. Phillips.

Hon. Sec.:- A. Elliott.

Assistant Sec.:- A.G. Phillips.

A Committee was elected and seven new members were also elected.

In a speech H.J. Hammond complained of the lack of enthusiasm amongst the younger members; apparently they did not like hard work, and rowing was really hard work. They expected to be promoted immediately to the competition boats before training for at least a year in tubs.

Over a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile course from below Belmont Woods to the Hereford Swimming Club house, the Hereford Cathedral School beat the Monmouth Grammar School on 22nd March, the starter being T.W. Allen and H.C. Beddoe judge.

Crew:- G.H. Grimes, H. Horton, H.V. Diamond, P.J. Lewis (Stroke), G.H. Davies (Cox).

A day previously there should have been a contest with Worcester Cathedral School, but owing to illness at Worcester, the match was abandoned.

12th June witnessed a triumph for the Hereford Rowing Club at Worcester Regatta. In the first heat for the Jubilee Challenge Vase and City Members Plate for Maiden Fours, over a half mile course, with prizes of four cups and a prize for the cox, they beat Worcester by two lengths. In the second heat they beat Warwick by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, and beat Bewdley in the final by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. The victorious crew was:- F.E.W. Adams, T.B.G. Giles, C.J. Woodsfield, A.J. Goodwin (Stroke), F. Dutton (Cox). Note the appropriate name of the Hereford stroke.

Although the Hereford Club was not represented at the Henley Regatta on the 10th July, it is interesting to know that the winning crew, Burton R.C., who beat London R.C. and then Kingston R.C. in the final by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, for the Wyfold Challenge Cup, was coached by Sydney Myer of the Hereford Club, and were adjudged to have shown the best form at the regatta.

There seems to be a blank in the records until 26th September, when the Club held a supper with J.S. Arkwright in the chair. In his speech H.J. Hammond repeated his complaint of the indifference of the younger members. The Club was better both in finance and in numbers, but disappointing from the rowing point of view. They would have a bigger regatta next year and hoped to see most of the prizes retained in Hereford.

1903

Once again the opening event of 1903 was the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta with its "Oxford" 'v' "Cambridge" on 11th March, from the crews of which often came many members of Hereford Rowing Club. This time the judges were the Rev. W.H. Murray Rugg and E. Sharpeley, with F.P. Fison as starter. Result:-

(1)	"Oxford"	D. Machen, G.R. Thursfield, A.G.P. Fayerman, V.R. Diamond (Stroke), T. Ragg (Cox).
(2)	"Cambridge"	R.W. Davies, R.S.G. Lloyd, G. Burrough, P.L. Lewis (Stroke), E.G. Alder (Cox).

The 1903 Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club took place on the 16th March, with J.S. Arkwright (th President) in the chair. Mr. Elliott presented the accounts which showed an increase of income of

£143. 15. 10d. and expenditure of £69. 3. 5d., leaving a balance of nearly £80. Amongst other items discussed was a resolution passed that only amateurs according to the definition of the Amateur Rowing Association should be eligible for membership. Officials were elected as follows:-

President, J.S. Arkwright;
Vice-presidents as last year;
Captain, H.J. Hammond;
Sub-captains, A.W. Slatter, W.N. Philips, S.J. Marchant;
Secretaries, A. Elliott and A.G. Phillips;
Treasurer, T.W. Allen.

A Working Committee was also elected as were also five new members.

Mr. Myer announced that the land on which the buildings stood had been purchased by the club. He also proposed providing a large board on which would be recorded the names of the crews rowing successfully for the Club in any regatta.

It was agreed that a two day regatta should be arranged for 22nd and 23rd July. The proceedings ended with a smoking concert.

Back to the Hereford Cathedral School. Late in March a crew was chosen to compete against the Worcester Cathedral School on the Wye, the nominees being:- V.M. Diamond, E.G. Burrough, A.G.P. Fayerman. P.J. Lewis (Stroke), L.G. Adler (Cox). No record is available giving the result and it is equally unfortunate that the previous years race had to be abandoned.

There was a special meeting on 17th April, with J.S. Arkwright in the chair, at which a large number of suggestions was considered. Here they are:-

- (1) Date fixed for 22nd and 23rd July.
- (2) Rowing events as at the 1899 regatta with the addition of double sculls for lady and gentleman, with a lady cox and a public school race in clinker fours for a challenge shield and presentation prizes.
- (3) Increase the presentation prize to £21 for juniors.
- (4) Engage a first class band.
- (5) A parade of pleasure boats and a floral display. A Committee of ladies to assist.
- (6) Swimming events.
- (7) A floral bicycle gymkhana and musical ride.
- (8) A group of pierrots on a raft
- (9) A pastoral play from 6.30 to 8.30
- (10) Illuminations and fireworks on the first day.

The first competitive event recorded for the Club was on 2nd May, when a pair oar race (Maiden) was decided. Umpires were H.J. Hammonds and S. Myer, with A. Elliott as judge.

Result:-

- (1) W. Matthey and J. Wilmhurst (Stroke).
- (2) T.R. Day and H.H. Jones (Stroke).

An advertisement in the "Hereford Journal" of 4th July gave an idea of the attractions to be provided at the forthcoming Hereford Regatta on 22nd and 23rd July. Here are the principal items:-

West of England Challenge Vase.
Wye Challenge Vase and other events.
Exhibition of log rolling by Tom Barton on cylinders made from empty tins nine feet long and 12 to 13 inches in diameter and 19 lbs. in weight.
A pastoral play "Twelfth Night", produced by J.S. Arkwright M.P.
County Cricket match.
County lawn tennis tournament.
Fancy dress carnival.
Gymkhana.

At Stourport Regatta on 11th July the Hereford crew lost to the Birmingham crew in the Boddington Challenge Vase contest, the Hereford crew consisting of:-

C.W. Hull, T. Owens, W.J. Davies, S.J. Marchant (Stroke), F. Dutton (Cox).

Four days later Hereford was again the lose at the Burton Regatta, being beaten by Birmingham for the Bass Vase, and by Nottingham in a consolation race. This time the names of the crew are not recorded.

The long awaited Hereford Rowing Club Regatta duly took place on 22nd and 23rd July during a week of carnival, tennis and cricket, with a pastoral play thrown in for good measure. The Mayor (J.R. Symonds) was Chairman of a large Committee with a host of officials. There is a lengthy list of results which are summarised below:-

West of England Challenge Vase, value 120 guineas with presentation prize value 30 guineas.

Won by Birmingham who beat the second Hereford crew in the second heat by two lengths, the latter consisting of C.W. Hull, T. Owen, W.J. Davies, S.J. Marchant (Stroke) and F. Dutton (Cox).

“Hereford Times” Challenge Vase, for Maidens, with 12 guineas presentation prize.

In the second heat Stourport beat a Hereford crew consisting of W. Carver, G. Marchant, F. Robinson, H.H. James (Stroke) and F. Dutton (Cox). In the third heat a second Hereford crew scratched. W.N. Wilmhurst, Shepherd, R.H. Palmer, H.I. Penkeith (Stroke), F. Dutton (Cox). In the final Cardiff beat Stourport.

100 yards Open Swimming Handicap.

(1) H.W. Harris. (2) W. Halliwell.

Diving for Plates.

(1) H.W. Harris, who picked up 11 plates out of 12.

Mixed Double Sculls with Lady cox.

1 st heat	(1)	Miss I.M. Carver and F.T. Carver	Hereford Rowing Club.
	(2)	Miss N. Anthony and E.A. Anthony	Hereford Rowing Club.
3 rd heat	(1)	Miss I.B. Meats and S.W. Meats.	Hereford Rowing Club.
	(2)	Miss L. Brearley and S.M. Glover	Stourport
4 th heat	The Carver pair was beaten by a Worcester pair.		
Final	(1)	Miss E. Dyke and F.W. Pratt	Worcester – winning by two feet.
	(2)	Miss G. Skyrme and W.P. Cross	Worcester.

Junior Scullls won by F.W. Pratt of Worcester.

A novelty to enliven the proceedings was provided by two crews of seven in large punts disguised with bark , dressed in skins and wigs and armed with jawbones, clubs, etc. Following the punts was a huge sea serpent.

The advertised exhibition of log rolling by Tom Barton was deleted from the programme owing to the illness of the performer.

The second day of the regatta brought a victory for Hereford. In the Wye Challenge Vase competition over a one mile course Birmingham was beaten by Hereford in the first heat by a quarter length, and the Royal Artillery Rowing Club was also beaten by three lengths. This was the first “Wye” triumph since 1875, when John Hatton stroked the Hereford Rowing Club boat. The value of the award was 50 guineas with a presentation prize valued at 20 guineas. The crew this time consisted of:- C. Hull, t. Owen, W.J. Davies, S. Marchant (Stroke), F. Dutton (Cox).

“Hereford Times” Challenge Vase, value 30 guineas for juniors with presentation prize valued at 20 guineas, over a three quarter mile course. This produced five heats and involved amongst others, two Hereford crews. In the first heat the first Hereford crew beat Taff Vale by six lengths the crew being:- T.V.B. Wilmshurst,

Shepherd, F. Carver, H.L. Penkeith (Stroke), F. Dutton (Cox). In the third heat the second Hereford crew (W. Carver, G. Marchant, F. Robinson, J. James (Stroke), F. Dutton (Cox)), was beaten by Birmingham. The hopes of the first Hereford crew were shattered by their defeat by Worcester in the fourth heat.

Open Pair Oars, value 7 guineas over a half mile course.

A.W. Slatter and W.N. Phillips, with F. Dutton as cox were leading in the first heat, but owing to an accident to stroke, lost to Worcester.

“The Hereford Times” Challenge Bowl for the 300 yards County Swimming Championship was won by M.B. Watkins of Pontrilas.

The 100 yards swimming handicap for Hereford Swimming Club was won by A.W. Castings.

Boys swimming race for under 16’s was won by J. Williams.

Tub Tilting (1) C. Hatton.

In the Multi-craft race competitors had to dive from a raft, swim to the opposite bank, seize an article placed there and swim back with it. Results:- (1) H. Clarke, who seized a canoe. (2) C. Hatton with a lifebouy. (3) W. Davies with a light bench.

Greasy Pole, won by f. Robinson.

Prehistoric boats, won by W.P. Pritchard.

A bicycle gymkhana and fireworks concluded the programme.

The Club’s 1903 rowing programme was to have been terminated by a Club Regatta on 27th August, consisting of the following events:-

- Scratch Fours. Half mile.
- Scratch Pair Oars.
- Double Sculls. 1/3 mile.
- Parker Challenge Cup Handicap Sculls. Half Mile.
- Gents Double Sculls with lady cox.
- Blindfold Canoe Race.

The entrance fees were to be 1/- for the first event and 6d. for every additional event. On account of poor weather the regatta was postponed to t 10th September, but no account of it can as yet be traced.

1904

The Hereford Cathedral School Regatta opened the 1904 season on 2nd March, including the traditional “Oxford” ‘v’ “Cambridge” race. Result:-

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| (1) | “Oxford” | R.S.G. Lloyd, R.W. Davies, A.G.P. Fayerman, W.H. Hereford (Stroke),
L.G. Alder (Cox). |
| (2) | “Cambridge” | W.T. Turner, E.G. Burrough, M.C Parry, G.A.R. Thursfield (Stroke),
T. Ragg (Cox). |

The Annual General Meeting of the Rowing Club was held on 21st March, when certain financial details were available. There was a balance due to the Treasurer of £1`35. 0s. 9d., mainly due to the purchase of the site of the boathouse for £150. The assets included the site of the boathouse at a cost of £150 plus the stock of boats at valuation at £228, making a total of £378. The result of the 1903 regatta was a balance of £12 plus £8 worth of prizes for the next year, this despite the weather. The total expenditure of the Regatta Committee had been £373. 8s. 8d. It was suggested that a regatta in June might attract more entries than one at a later date. Officers were elected as follows:-

President, J.S. Arkwright, MP.

Vice-presidents as last year.
 Captain, H.J. Hammonds.
 Sub-captain, Claude Hull.
 Treasurer, T.W. Allen.
 Secretaries, A. Elliott and A.G. Phillips.

The Committee was increased from 10 to 12. It transpired that the pastoral play at the 1903 regatta involved a loss of about £30 owing to bad weather.

On 22nd March the Hereford Cathedral School beat the Worcester Cathedral School, at Hereford over a one mile course, the crew being:- G.A.R. Thursfield, W.R.N. Hereford, E.G. Borough, A.G.P. Fayerman (Stroke), L.G. Alder (Cox).

On 26th March the same Cathedral School crew beat Monmouth by 4½ lengths at Hereford.

Subscription dodgers and gatecrashers have always been with us, so it is not surprising that at the end of March, 1904 the secretaries of the Club #, A. Elliott and E. G. Phillips issued this notice:- “We are desirous to call your attention to the fact that no member is permitted to use a boat unless he holds a ticket for the current season Members willing to train for the coming races must send in their names to the captains or secretaries, as the regatta will be held earlier than usual.”

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Mayor on 22nd April, when it was decided to hold a two day regatta. In the course of the speech-making H.J. Hammond pointed out that the last week in June was for balancing of bank accounts and that the majority of young men in banks belonged to rowing clubs, so he suggested the 22nd June as being most suitable.

The first day of the regatta was on 22nd June, the principal officials being:- Rowing Judges, J.S. Arkwright, MP., The Mayor of Hereford and J.R. Symonds. Umpires, R.H. Symonds-Taylor and T.W. Allen. Starters, J. Hatton, J.A.T. Nicholson, Fison and A. Watkins. The financial secretary was A.G. Phillips. Results follow:-

Open Junior Sculls, prize value 5 guineas, over a half mile course.

- (1) E.W. Williams (Cardiff).
- (2) F.W. Pratt (Worcester)

Open Pair Oars, prize value 7 guineas over a half mile course.

- (1) Birmingham R.C.
- (2) Stratford-on-Avon RC.

Horse Jumping, Class I. No names available.

“Hereford Times” Challenge Vase for Maidens, with a 12 guineas presentation prize, over a half mile course.

- (1) Gloucester
- (2) Hereford R.C. W.L. Carver, A.T. Penkeith, S.H. Shepherd, H.H. James (Stroke),
F. Dutton (Cox).

Greasy Pole. No name available.

Horse Jumping, Class II. No name available.

Scratch Fours.

- (1) Winks, Hull, Phillips, Vears.
- (2) Goodwin, Simpson, Randall, Edgington.
(No initials available).

The second day of the regatta produced a varied programme.

“Hereford Times” Challenge Vase for Juniors, value 30 guineas with presentation prize, value 20 guineas, over a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile course.

The Hereford R.C. was beaten by Cardiff in the third heat, its crew being:- S.H. Adams, A.T. Penkeith, S.H. Shepherd, H.H James (Stroke), F. Dutton (Cox). The result of the final was that Birmingham beat Cardiff owing to the rudder of the latter going wrong at the start.

60 yards Swimming Handicap for boys under 16.

100 yards Swimming race open to members of the Hereford Swimming Club only.

Wye Challenge Vase for Seniors, value 50 guineas with presentation prize valued at 30 guineas.

(1) Gloucester R.C.

(2) Hereford R.C. A.C. Slatter, W. Davies, C. Hull, W.N. Phillips (Stroke), F. Dutton (Cox).

Tub Tilting.

Upset Canoe.

Ladies and Gentlemen Double Sculls. Prize value 3 guineas, over 250 yards.

(1) Worcester.

(2) Hereford R.C. Miss G. Hull, Mr. C. Hull (Stroke), Miss M. Hull (Cox).

The proceedings terminated with a band contest, procession of decorated boats and a performance at the Drill Hall.

At the Worcester Regatta on 7th July a Hereford crew struggled extremely well for three rounds, only to be beaten in the final. In the first heat it beat Worcester by two lengths. In the second it beat Ironbridge by a yard only. In the semi-final it was so far ahead of Burton Leander that the latter crew abandoned the chase, but in the final the Hereford crew was beaten by Stourport by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. The unfortunate crew was:- W.L. Carver, A.T. Penkeith, S.H. Shepherd, H.H James (Stroke), C. Hatton (Cox).

1905

Once more the annual Hereford Cathedral School Regatta took place with its “Oxford” ‘v’ “Cambridge” supporters race on 4th March, 1905, resulting in a win for “Oxford”, its crew consisting of:- W.T. Turner, W.R.H. Hereford, C.K. Ledger, R.F. Donne (Stroke), P. Hewitt (Cox). The “Cambridge” crew was:- E.B. Grasett, A.H. Peppercorn, R.S.G. Lloyd, A. Thursfield (Stroke), C. Hatton (Cox).

On 31st March came the annual general meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club, T.W. Allen presiding. There was a balance due to the treasurer of £104. 8s. 0d., about £81 better than the last year. However, less had been spent on labour and materials than last year, £18 against £26. There had been an increase in members subscriptions, and only £26 was outstanding as against last year. J.S. Arkwright was re-elected as President and the Vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc with the addition of S. Myer. H.J. Hammonds who was elected as Captain made a speech in which he hoped that young members would make up their minds to put more “go” into their work this season. They had the advantage of one of the best courses in the country and distinct advantages over other towns in regard to rowing, and he wanted to make the Hereford Rowing Club one to be reckoned with. The Chairman thought the Club was becoming more of a boating than a rowing club and spoke of the habit of getting crews together in a haurry. The object of the Club was to promote serious rowing.

W. Carless was elected as Sub-captain, T.W. Allen as Treasurer, with Secretaries A. Elliott and A.G. Phillips. A Committee was also elected.

Reporting on last years regatta it was shown that the first day’s receipts were only £29, the total expenses were £311. 10s. 9d. with total receipts of approximately £314. 0s. 0d., leaving a profit of £2. 14s. 8d. It was proposed to have only a one day regatta in 1905.

The first of April saw the victory of the Hereford Cathedral School over the Monmouth Grammar School at Monmouth by three lengths, the crew being:- W.T. Turner, G.A.R. Thursfield, R.S. G. Lloyd, W.R.H. Hereford (Stroke and captain), L.G.L. Alder (Cox).

At the Hereford Rowing Club Regatta on 13th July, 1905, there was no Hereford senior crew entered, but record entries were received from Ross, Gloucester, Bewdley, Cardiff, Bristol, Birmingham, Bradford (Yorks) and Ironbridge. In some races there were 12 heats and in other races there were six or nine heats. Before Regatta day £170 had been collected in subscriptions, there was a long list of patrons. On the day itself 3000 people lined the river banks as well as 1200 in the enclosure.

Rowing Judges:- T. Carver, The Mayor (C. Witts), H.C. Beddoe and J.R. Symonds. Umpires:- R.H. Symonds-Taylor, T.W. Allen, F.R. James. Starters:- E.J. Hatton, J.A.T. Nicholson, F.F. Fison and A. Watkins. In addition there were numerous stewards. The results follow:-

“Hereford Times” Challenge Vase for Maidens, with prize value 12 guineas, over a half mile course.

- (1) Hereford Rowing Club W.L. Carver, G. Garrold Lloyd, S.H. Shepherd,
V.R. Jarvis (Stroke), C. Hatton (Cox).
- (2) Pengwerne (Shrewsbury).

Hereford had entered two crews, one of which was beaten by Pengwerne in the eleventh heat.

Junior Sculls, value 3 guineas over a half mile course.

- (1) Worcester.
- (2) Pengwerne. There was no Hereford entry.

Pair Oar. Value 7 guineas, over a half mile course.

- (1) Stratford-on-Avon
- (2) Bradford (Yorks). There was no Hereford entry.

Ladies Plate for Juniors. Prize value 20 guineas together with the “Hereford Times” Challenge Vase, over a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile course.

- (1) Stratford-on-Avon.
- (2) Bradford (Yorks).

This was decided in the sixth and final heat. Hereford entered two crews, that of W.L. Carver, S. Carrold Lloyd, S.H. Shepherd, V.R. Jarvis (Stroke), C. Hatton (Cox), beat Bristol Redcliffe in the third heat but scratched to Ross in the fifth heat.

Wye Challenge Cup for Seniors, value 50 guineas with prizes value 30 guineas, over a one mile course.

- (1) Avon R.C. (Bath).
- (2) Worcester R.C.. There were no Hereford entries.

Scratch Double Sculls, 3 guineas over a half mile course.

- (1) T. Owen and W.N. Phillips.
- (2) G. Britten and C. Hull.

International Canoe Race. 1 guinea. Won by C. Hull and G. Britten, dressed as cowboys.

Team Race with Barrels, 1 guinea. On three or more barrels lashed together lengthwise with competitors atride. Won by C. Hatton, T.S. Johnson and C.J. Jones.

Tug of War on Barrels. 1 guinea. Won by C.J. Jones, F. Robinson and C. Hatton.

Raiding expedition on costume. 1 guinea. Won by H. Drinkwater, Golde, C. Price and E.W. King.

Capture of Ladysmith, 1 guinea. Won by G.F. Sydenham, B. Pearson and E. Jacobs.
Greasy Pole, 10s. 0d. and 5s.

- (1) F. Robinson.
(2) G.F. Stephens,

Dinghy Race. 1 guinea. Won by G. Britten.

A preliminary account gives the financial results as:-

Subscriptions	£165. 0s. 0d.	Expenses, altogether about	£200 0s. 0d.
Gate money	£ 40. 0s. 0d		
Entrance fees	£ 25. 0s. 0d.		
Miscellaneous	<u>£ 5. 0s. 0d.</u>		
Total	<u>£235. 0s. 0d.</u>		

Instead of the customary club races the Hereford Club 1905 season closed with a social gathering in the Club grounds. Two large rafts were used as platforms, surrounded by fairy lights. There was a musical programme and refreshments were handed round.

The final accounts of the 1905 regatta were submitted at a meeting in early November, the Mayor (C. Witts) presiding.

Receipts	£253. 17s. 2d.
Expenditure	£224. 19s. 9d.
Subscriptions	£165. 6s. 0d.

A copy of the balance sheet was to be sent to subscribers of 10s. 6d. or more. The balance in hand was to be given to the Hereford Rowing Club.

One more item to the credit of Hereford as a rowing centre. OP.J. Lewis, for two years Captain of the Hereford Cathedral School boats, stroked the winning crew in the trial eights at Cambridge on 2nd December, 1905.

1906

The hardy annual match between "Oxford" and "Cambridge" took place during the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 3rd March, with R.H.T. Symonds-Taylor and N. Sharpeley as judges and N.W. Clayton as starter.

Result:-	(1)	"Cambridge"	G.L. Gazelet, F. Lester, R.F. Donne, W.R.H. Hereford (Stroke), L.K. Ledger (Cox).
	(2)	"Oxford"	H.R. Ragg, D.M. Williams, C.K. Ledger, N.H. Matthews (Stroke), C. Hatton (Cox).

The Hereford Rowing Club annual supper was held on 9th March, 1906, with J.S. Arkwright in the chair. He was presented with a silver salver and an illuminated list of the donors in commemoration of his marriage on 21st December, 1905.

The balance sheet introduced for the previous year makes interesting reading when compared with present day figures.

	£	s	d	
Members subscriptions	136	1	6	
Members payments for damages	5	19	0	
Members payments for nights out		3	0	
Members payments for locker rent		4	6	
Keelage		11	3	
Sale of old boats etc.	4	10	0	
Regatta Balance	32	17	7	(Regatta balance, 1904, £2. 9. 8.
Ditto				
Balance due to Treasurer	<u>94</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	1905, £30. 7. 11.)

	Total	<u>274</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
To balance 31 st December, 1904		104	8	8
Attendant		66	2	0
Labour		2	12	3
Boats purchased and carriage		40	2	8
Repairs and materials		24	10	6
Printing		7	15	0
Rates, taxes and insurance		4	10	10
Regatta entries and expenses		2	11	2
Storage of boats		1	1	0
Interest on overdraft		5	1	5
Hon. Secs. Small payments			6	6
Hon. Secs. postages		2	12	1
Hon. Treasurers postages			3	0
Fuel			13	3
Subscriptions to A.R.A.			10	6
Cheque book			5	0
Planting etc. at boat house		5	0	0
Purchase of flag		2	14	6
	Total	<u>274</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Balance due to Treasurer, 31 st December, 1905		94	1	10
Balance assets over liabilities		<u>283</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total	<u>378</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
To site of boathouse at cost		150	0	0
Stock of boats at valuation		<u>228</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	<u>378</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Officers were elected as follows:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright M.P.
Vice-presidents,	en bloc.
Treasurer,	T.W. Allen.
Captain,	H.J. Hammond.
Sup-captain,	S. Marchant.
Secretary,	A. Phillips.

A. Elliott having resigned as part secretary was elected a Vice-president, H.C. Beddoe also being elected as another. The Committee was elected and afterwards attention was drawn to overdue subscriptions.

On the 20th March the Hereford Cathedral School crew beat the Worcester Cathedral School at Worcester, the crew being:-

R.F. Donne, N.H. Matthews, E.B. Grasett, W.R.H. Hereford (Stroke), H. Cutfield (Cox).

The same crew was defeated by Monmouth Grammar School at Hereford by two lengths on 31st March, T.W. Allen acting as starter, Mr. Culley as umpire and H.J. Hammonds as judge.

A meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 9th April decided on a one day regatta to be held on 12th July and it was hoped four Hereford crews would compete, including a senior crew.

At the Stratford-on-Avon Regatta on 30th June, in the third heat of the Avon Plate, the Hereford Rowing Club crew was beaten by Warwick who eventually beat Stratford in the final, the Hereford crew comprising:-

T.R. Magee, S.H. Sheperd, R.S. Lloyd, G.W. Clarke (Stroke).

The Hereford Rowing Club Regatta on 12th July provided a busy time for all concerned, there being nearly 30 races besides other attractions. Among the entries were four Senior Fours, six Pairs and six Sculls, the clubs from which they came being Avon (Bath), Gloucester, Worcester, Birmingham, Cardiff, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Redcliffe, Evesham, Clifton, Stourport, Bridgnorth, Ross, Pengwernne (Shrewsbury), Bradford (Yorks).

Amongst the numerous officials were the President, J.S. Arkwright, M.P., General Secretary, Frank Carver, Financial Secretary, T. Wheeler Meats.

The evening saw a café Chantant with illuminations, the letters H.R.C. being in electric lights. There was a searchlight on a raft and a concert on another illuminated raft.

Results were as follows:-

Pair Oar.

- (1) Avon (Bath).
- (2) Bradford (Yorks). There was no Hereford entry.

Ladies Plate for Juniors.

- (1) Hereford (by $\frac{1}{4}$ length).
- (2) Warwick.

The Hereford crew was:- T.R. Magee, S.H. Shepard, R.S. Garrold Lloyd, T.W. Clarke (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).

Hereford times Challenge Vase for Maidens.

- (1) Burton.
- (2) Ross.

Hereford was beaten by Ross in the fourth round the crew being:-

A.G. Hatton, R.W. Garwood, R. Mott, R.A. Morris (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).

Old Herefordians were beaten in the third round by Burton, the crew being:-

C.K. Ledger, V.C. boddington, N.W. Clayton, R.F. Donne (Stroke), C. Hatton (Cox).

Wye Challenge Vase.

- (1) Stratford.
- (2) Gloucester.

Ladies and Gents Sculling Race.

- (1) Bewdley.
- (2) Ross. (There was no Hereford entry).

Dinghy Race.

- (1) A. Pearce.
- (2) L. Owens.

Canoe Race.

- (1) French Peasants (J. Vaughan and Thackway).
- (2) Zulus.

Coracle Race.

- (1) J. Vaughan.
- (2) C.I. Jones.

Tug-of-War in boats.

- (1) E.G. Drinkwater's team.
- (2) C. Hatton's team.

Pair Oars.

- (1) C. Jones and Bunyard.

Punt Race, won by J. Hoskins and T. Wigley.

The Worcester Regatta on 26th July attracted two entries from Hereford. They were beaten in the Severn Challenge Vase and Presidents Plate by Warwick in the third heat for Junior Fours, the crew being:-

T.R. Magee, H. Shepard, R.S. Garrold Lloyd, T. Clarke (Stroke), R.S. Briscoe (Cox).

In the Maiden Fours, Hereford beat Trent Rowing Club in the second heat and Bridgnorth in the fifth heat, but lost to Ross in the final by $\frac{1}{4}$ length, the crew being:-

A.G. Hatton, C. Garwood, R. Mott, R.A. Morris (Stroke), S. Briscoe (Cox).

So far as the Hereford Rowing Club is concerned the last record for 19906 is that of the Ross Regatta on 6th August, when the Club won the John Kyrle Cup for Maiden Fours by beating Ross, the crew being:-
A.G. Hatton, C.R. Garwood, R. Mott, R.A. Morris (Stroke), R.S. Briscoe (Cox).

1907

In compiling a history such as this, one is largely dependent on newspaper reports and occasionally some event has been omitted owing to lack of space in the periodical. Thus we learn for the first time that there was an annual Sports Ball in Hereford. The third of these was a combined effort by the Hereford Rowing, Hockey and Tennis Clubs at the Town Hall on the 1st February 1907. The decorations were symbolic of the various sports, those of the Rowing Club including a tripod of oars adorned with crabs.

On 2nd March was the Hereford Cathedral School annual Regatta with R.H.T. Symonds-Taylor and H. Sharpeley as judges, and N.W. Clayton as starter. Amongst the events was that for senior fours, "Oxford 'v' "Cambridge", the result was:-

- (1) "Oxford" Cazalet, G.W. Grasett, F.B. Grasett, Fawkes (Stroke), Symonds-Taylor (Cox).
- (2) "Cambridge" Streeten, Lester, H.R. Ragg, Donne (Stroke), King (Cox).

The Evesham Regatta on 20th May attracted an entry from a Hereford pair oar crew for the Mayor's Prize, but they (R.S. Lloyd and T.W. Clarke) were beaten by a crew from Stratford-on-Avon.

Two defeats were suffered by the Hereford Club on 29th June at the Stratford-on-Avon Regatta. In the second heat for the Kings Trophy Challenge Cup, presented by Marie Corelli, the Nottingham B.C. beat the Hereford crew consisting of :- T.R. Magee, S.H. Shepard, R.S. Loyd, T.W. Clarke (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox). It is consoling to note that Nottingham was defeated in the final by Stratford-on-Avon.

In the fourth heat for the Ladies Plate (Maidens) the Hereford crew lost to the Nottingham R.C., who won the final. The Hereford crew was not named.

The Hereford Rowing Club Regatta on 11th July, 1907, was enlivened by many light hearted events, altogether nearly 40 races took place. These included five Senior Fours, eight Junior fours, seven Maiden Fours, four Pairs, nine Junior Sculls and also five Ladies and Gents Double Sculls. Numerous clubs entered crews. The programme included a long list of local dignitaries who acted as judges and officials, besides a formidable list of minor officials. Results follow:-

Wye Challenge Vase, for Seniors.

The Hereford crew was beaten in the second heat by Burton Leander by six lengths.
Crew:- R.A. Morris, S.H. Shepard, R.S. Lloyd, T.W. Clarke (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maidens.

- 1st heat. Hereford Cathedral School beat Bristol Ariel R.C.,
Crew:- R.F. Donne, H.R. Ragg, Grasett, T. Fawkes (Stoke), H.C. King (Cox).
 - 2nd heat. Cardiff R.C. beat Hereford R.C.
Crew:- A.E.J. Thackway, G. Ovens, P.H. Hewitt, C.H.E. Thackway (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).
 - 4th heat. Hereford Cathedral School beat Hereford R.C., the latter crew being:-
L.J. Starkey, F. Watson-Hood, P.R. Gibbs, J.J.L. Clarke (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).
 - Final. (1) Cardiff R.C.
(2) Hereford Cathedral School.
- This was the first time that the Cathedral School had appeared at a Hereford Regatta.

Ladies Plate, for Juniors.

- 1st heat. Stourport B.C. beat Hereford R.C. by five lengths.
Crew:- L.J. Starkey, f. Watson-Hood, P.R. Gibbs, J.J.L. Clarke (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).
- Final. (1) Evesham.
(2) Stratford-on-Avon.

Pair Oars.

- 1st heat. Stratford-on-Avon beat Hereford R.C.
Crew:- E.A. Capel, S.H. Shepard (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).
2nd heat. Hereford R.C. beat Oxford University B.C.
Crew:- R.S. Lloyd, T.W. Clarke (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).
Final. (1) Stratford-on-Avon.
(2) Hereford R.C.

Junior Sculls. (1) F.M. Pearman (Pengwerne R.C.)

Ladies and Gents Sculls.

- 1st heat. Stourport beat Hereford R.C.
Crew:- Penry Jones, Miss A. Jones (Stroke), Miss H. Nash (Cox).
3rd heat. Ross R.C. beat Hereford R.C. second crew.
Crew:- T.R. Worthing, Miss C Robinson (Stroke), Miss Vaughan (Cox).

Dongola Race in punts manned gondola fashion. Hereford R.C. won easily.

Cock Fight. L. Hall.

Pillow Fight. Bancroft.

Costume Race. Stephens.

Greasy pole. F. Robinson.

Dinghy Race. Stephens.

Canoe Race. Buller.

Three defeats were suffered by the Hereford R.C. at the Worcester Regatta on 18th July.

In the Jubilee Challenge Vase, in the first heat Nottingham beat the Hereford crew – A.E.J. Thackway, G. Ovens, P.H. Hewitt, C.H.E. Thackway (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).

In the second heat Worcester R.C. beat a second Hereford crew – L.J. Starkey, J. Watson-Hood, P.G. Gibbs, J.J.L. Clarke (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).

In the Double Sculls, Gloucester P.O. Recreation Club beat a Hereford crew – A.E.J. Thackway, Miss K.M. Oatfield (Stroke), Miss B.H. Oatfield (Cox).

Another disappointment awaited the Hereford Club at the Ross Regatta on 5th August. In the Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls three crews were entered and all lost, the winning finalists being Ross. In the John Kyrle Cup for Maiden Fours a defeat by derby was the result, the Hereford crew being:- L.J. Starkey, Penry Jones, P.R. Gibbs, J.J.L. Clarke (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).

1908

Coming to 1908 we start with the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 11th March, with its “Oxford” ‘v’ “Cambridge” match. Umpiring was by H.J. Hammonds, starting by H. Hughes, captain of boats H.R. Ragg.
Result:-

- (1) “Cambridge” G.L. Gazalet, F.J. Williams, H.R. Ragg, G.W. Grasett (Stroke), H. King (Cox).
(2) “Oxford” B.R. Streeten, C.C. Carus-Wilson, D.N. Buchanan, T. Fawkes (Stroke), J.P. Roach (Cox).

The 1908 Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club was held on 13th March, with H.J. Hammonds, the Captain, in the chair. The financial account showed that 1907 receipts were £184. 4s. 0d. and payments £152. 3s. 7d. thus reducing the Club’s adverse balance from £51. 3s. 1d. to £19. 2s. 8d.

The Club assets comprised:-			
Site of boat house at cost.	£150.	0s.	0d.
Stock of boats.	£229.	15s.	0d.
Oars, sculls, materials.	£ 49.	10s.	0d.
Clubhouse premises, less depreciation.	<u>£109.</u>	<u>5s.</u>	<u>0d.</u>
Total	<u>£538.</u>	<u>10s.</u>	<u>0d.</u>

Liabilities:-

Balance due to Treasurer, December 1907.	£ 19.	2s.	8d.
Assets over liabilities.	£519.	7s.	4d.

Officers were elected as below:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright, M.P.
Vice-presidents,	en bloc.
Captain,	H.J. Hammonds.
Sub-captain,	E.A. Capel.
Treasurer,	T.W. Allen.

A Committee was elected, but with an alteration to the rules to the effect that one third of the Committee was to retire each year instead of all twelve as before.

On 28th March Hereford Cathedral School beat Monmouth Grammar School at Monmouth by $\frac{1}{4}$ length, the crew being:- B.R. Streeten, G.W. Grasett, H.R. Ragg, T. Fawkes (Stroke), H. King (Cox).

With the object of enlarging the boat-house at an estimated cost of £250 the Hereford Club held a two day Bazar on the 29th and 30th of April. There were the usual stalls and a musical entertainment with a "Limerick" competition. In the course of speeches it emerged that there were now 160 members. In spite of this there was no Hereford entry for the Evesham Regatta on 8th June.

During a discussion about regatta arrangements for 9th July four crews were selected for various events, namely:-

Senior.	E.A. Capel, S.J. Marchant, R.S. Lloyd, H. Hughes (Stroke), Hughes has rowed in the Pembroke College, Oxford, eight.
Junior.	V.R. Jarvis, A.R. Morris, G.R. Garwood, H.R. Ragg (Stroke).
Maiden (a).	C.H.E. Thackway, A.J. Thackway, G.L. Willis, T.R. Worthing (Stroke).
Maiden (b).	J.R. Trumper, W.R. Burgess, F.F. Slann, G. Ovens (Stroke).
Pair Oars.	V.R. Jarvis and W.N. Phillips.

An evening entertainment was also decided upon.

The actual regatta took place on 9th July with the usual imposing list of officials detailed in the programme. In this case only the results will be given.

West of England Challenge Vase.

2 nd heat.	Hereford Rowing Club beaten by Burton Leander, the former crew being consisted as above
Final	for the Seniors with the addition of R.L. Briscoe as cox. Stratford-on-Avon beat Burton Leander.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase.

2 nd heat.	Hereford R.C. (b) crew, beaten by Gloucester R.C.
4 th heat.	Hereford R.C. (a) crew beat Pengwerne R.C.
7 th heat.	Hereford R.C. (a) crew lost to Burton Leander.
Final.	Gloucester R.C. beat Burton Leander.

Wye Challenge Vase.

1st heat. Hereford R.C. Senior crew lost to Burton Leander.
Final. Burton Leander beat Avon R.C. (Bath).

Ladies Plate.

3rd heat. Hereford R.C. Junior crew lost to Evesham R.C.
Final. Evesham beat Gloucester.

Pair Oar.

3rd heat. Evesham beat Hereford R.C. (Jarvis, W.N. Phillips (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).)
Final. Evesham beat Stourport.

Junior Sculls. No Hereford entry.

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls. No Hereford entry.

The weather was poor and there were no illuminations.

In the Cardiff Regatta on 18th July a Hereford crew won the Maiden Fours with flying colours, after rowing in three heats.

1st heat. Taff R.C. (b) crew beaten by 1½ lengths.
2nd heat. Taff R.C. (a) crew beaten comfortably.
Final. Stratford-on-Avon beaten by two lengths.

The Hereford crew was:- A.E.J. Thackway, C.H.E. Thackway, G.L. Lewis, R.Worthing (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).

Now an unfamiliar Club name enters our story, but with a recognisable individual name. The Clyde House School held a regatta on 29th July in which several events were won by a pair oar crew all named Briscoe, the initials being:- R.L., L.B. and A.D. Probably R.L. was the one so often appearing as cox in Hereford Club regattas. The Hereford Rowing Club had lent the boats at the early part of the season and both the Club and Mr. Jordan had been of great assistance.

The Ross Regatta on 1st August provided a series of defeats for the Hereford R.C.

They lost in the first heat of the Ross Challenge Vase for Juniors in sliding boat clinkers to Ross R.C., the losing crew being:- A.E.J. Thackway, C.H.E. Thackway, A.G. Wallis, T.R. Worthing (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox). In the Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maidens the first heat was won by Stratford-on-Avon, the losing Hereford crew being:- F.J. Trunyser, W.A. Burgess, F.F. Slann, G. Ovens (Stroke), R.L. Briscoe (Cox).

In the Junior Sculls for the Gardner Challenge Vase in sliding seat clinkers, for those who have not won a sculling race in a fine boat, there was a win for R.G. Lloyd in the sixth heat over B.R. Jarvis, both of Hereford, but in the final Lloyd was beaten by H. Colin Clarke of Pengwerne B.C.

In the Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls in heat 3 Ross beat a Hereford crew of A.E.J. Thackway, Miss K.M. Oatfield (Stroke), Miss D.H. Oatfield (Cox).

In heat 6 another Hereford crew was beaten by Penarth on a foul, though finishing first, the Hereford crew being:- H.J. Parker, Miss C. Price (Stroke), Miss A. Price (Cox). A pleasant feature was the presentation of a special prize to the Penarth crew for a splendid exhibition of good rowing.

All we hear of the closing of the Hereford 1908 season is a short item stating that "Hereford Rowing Club carried out a series of sports on the river on Thursday evening." The date would be 24th September, but no more details are available

1909

The Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club was held on 2nd March, with T.W. Allen in the chair. The accounts show that there were 153 members, the boathouse had been enlarged at a cost of £325, a river

picnic had been held in June, the Regatta for Club members in September as well as the annual Club supper. The receipts for the year had been £171. 12s. 9d. of which £168. 1s. 4d. was from subscriptions. Payments amounted to £162. 1s. 4d. The balance due to the treasurer on 31st December, 1907 was £19. 11s. 3d., but during the year it was reduced to £9. 11s. 3. The balance of assets over liabilities was now £530. 19s. 9d. Boats and sculls had been bought for £46. 0s. 0d.

Officers elected were:- President J.S. Arkwright; Captain, H.J. Hammonds; Sub-captain, Capel; Treasurer, T.W. Allen. A Committee was also elected.

“Oxford” ‘v’ “Cambridge” was the outstanding event in the regatta of the Hereford Cathedral School on 3rd March, 1909. The officials in charge were – Judge, H. Sharpeley; Umpire, H.J. Hammonds; Starter, H. Hughes; Captain of boats, G.W. Grasett. The result and crews follow:-

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| (1) | “Oxford” | R.F. Palethorpe, L.H. Shelton, M.B. Lewis, G.W. Grasett (Stroke), R.P. Chapman (Cox). |
| (2) | “Cambridge” | W.J. Oatfield, W.H. Williams, W.R. Burrough, C.C. Carrus-Wilson (Stroke), G. Carless (Cox). |

This was the eighteenth time this Senior race was contested.

On 27th March the Hereford Cathedral School was beaten by the Worcester Cathedral Kings School on the Wye at Hereford. The judge was H.J. Hammonds and the Hereford School crew, F.J. William, C.C. Carrus-Wilson, W.R. Burrough, G.W. Grasett (Stroke), R.P. Chappman (Cox).

On 31st March, with the same crew and again on the Wye, the Hereford Cathedral school was victorious over the Monmouth Grammar School.

Some figures were presented at a preliminary meeting on 10th May to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming Hereford Regatta on 15th July. Last year’s regatta results were:-

Subscriptions.	£14. 17s 6d.
Entrance fees.	£23. 13s. 0d.
Gate Money.	£44. 16s. 9d..

The total expenditure was £338. 10s. 6d., in which was £101. 16s. 0d. for prizes. There was an adverse balance of £6. 13s. 0d.

The prize for the 1909 Senior Fours was to be £30, and for the Junior Sculls, £5.

At the opening meeting of the Hereford Club on 13th May, T.W. Allen said he could not avoid a jarring note. “In the old days as now they called the Club the Hereford Rowing Club, but the tendency now was to make it more of a boating club. I would like to see the rowing element more strongly represented, as in former years. They ought to be able to find several crews out of a membership of 170.”

Apart from this outburst it seems from contemporary correspondence in various newspapers that there was a general apathy regarding serious rowing throughout the Midlands. This seems to have affected entries for the Hereford Regatta on the 15th July, when owing to only three entries for the Wye Challenge Cup it was withdrawn from competition. Two entries only for the Pair Oars prize likewise caused its withdrawal. The remainder of the programme was carried out and the results follow.

Amongst the entertainments was a boat actuated by an air propellor.

Junior Sculls.

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| Final. | (1) | T.Raymond, Ross R.C. |
| | (2) | G. Gardiner, Clifton B.C. |

The only Hereford entrant, R.S. Lloyd was beaten in the third heat by T. Raymond.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase.

2nd heat. (1) Worcester.
 (2) Hereford R.C. – S.W. Lloyd, F.F. Slann, J.T. James, H.F. Starkey (Stroke),
 J.Hammonds (Cox).

3rd heat. (1) Pengwerne.
 (2) Hereford R.C. - R.H. Cutting, E.E.M. Hall, G.A. Reeve-Tucker, G.C. Ovens
 (Stroke),
 J.Hammonds (Cox).

Final. (1) Pengwerne.
 (2) Gloucester.

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls.

2nd heat. (1) Hereford R.C. - E.H.E. Thackway, Miss N.A. Fletcher (Stroke), Miss M.A. Fletcher
 (Cox),
 (2) Hereford R.C. - E.E.M. Hall, Miss K. Oatfield (Stroke), Miss D. Oatfield (Cox).

3rd heat. (1) Worcester.
 (2) Hereford R.C. - C. Webber, Miss E. Webber (Stroke), Miss W. Webber (Cox).

4th heat. (1) Worcester.
 (2) Hereford R.C. - R.L. Briscoe, Miss M. Briscoe (Stroke), Miss D. Hammonds (Cox).

6th heat. (1) Worcester.
 (2) Hereford R.C. - Thackway's crew.

Final. (1) Worcester - Miss Gwilliam's crew.
 Worcester - Whyatt's crew.

Ladies Plate.

(1) Bridgnorth.
 (2) Gloucester.

Water Sports.

Cock Fight – Bromfield.
 Pillow Fight – Bromfield.
 Greasy Pole – Price.

The proceedings finished with an alfresco concert in the evening and illuminations.

Comment has been made at times on the versatility of Hereford oarsmen in other athletic pursuits. It is interesting to note that on 1st December, 1909 H. Ragg, the Herefordian ran for Cambridge against the L.A.C. and won his sprint in spite of a soaked course in 10 ⁴/₅ seconds.

1910

The 1910 Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club was held on 1st March, J.S. Norton presiding. Points in the report follow:-

The Club did not have a single success in last season's regattas. The additions last year included a Ladies Waiting Room at a total cost of £350. The debit balance of last year of £9. 11s. 3d. had been changed to a credit of £22. 9s. 5d. The regatta lost £1. 14s. 11d. the prizes having cost £80. 17s. 0d., the gate money amounting to £33. 2s. 0d. and the total expenditure £187. 5s. 10d. The assets over liabilities were £745. 18s. 6d. there being a balance due to the treasurer on the building account of £195. 6s. 11d. Officers elected were:-
 President, J.S. Arkwright; Vice-presidents were all re-elected except F.R. James who had resigned Club membership. Captain, H.J. Hammonds; Sub-captain, Worthing; Secretary, A.G. Phillips.

A proposition to admit ladies was defeated, but one was carried to the effect that intending members should sign an obligation to serve the Club and train as rowing members.

The Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 5th March, 1910, included the usual "Oxford" 'v' "Cambridge" race, R.H.T. Symonds-Taylor acting as judge in conjunction with H. Sharpeley, the umpire being H.J. Hammonds, and starter, H. Hughes, whilst F.J. Williams was Captain of boats. Result:-

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| (1) | "Oxford" | W.J. Oatfield, W.F. Williams, M.B. Lewis, A.T. Shelton (Stoke),
A. Huntley (Cox). |
| (2) | "Cambridge" | E. Wilmot, H.T. Lewis, F.J. Williams (Stroke), R. Symonds-Taylor
(Cox). |

The Hereford Rowing Club opened its season on 21st March with a series of races, the results follow:-

Scratch Fours.

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| Heat 1. | (1) | Magee, Hull, Briscoe, Wilkinson. |
| | (2) | Worthing, Ovens, Webber, Lloyd. |
| Heat 2. | (1) | Wilson, White, S.J. Marchant, Worthing (deputising for Cutting). |
| | (2) | Higginbotham, R. Wilmhurst, Oatfield, Scaping. |
| Final. | (1) | Magee, Hull, Briscoe, Wilkinson. |
| | (2) | Worthing, White, Marchant, Wilson. |

Double Sculls.

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| Heat 1. | (1) | Wilkinson and Ovens. |
| | (2) | Webber and Scaping. |
| Heat 2. | (1) | Hull and Oatfield. |
| | (2) | White and Briscoe. |
| Final. | (1) | Hull and Oatfield. |
| | (2) | Wilkinson and Ovens. |

The day concluded with a smoking concert.

Monmouth Grammar School was beaten by the Herford Cathedral School at Monmouth on 22nd March, the winning crew being:- L.H. Shelton, M.B. Lewis, F.T. Williams, A.T. Shelton (Stroke), B. Symonds-Taylor (Cox).

Late in May the Club decided not to hold a Regatta this year, the scarcity of rowing members being the chief reason apart from the retirement of the two secretaries, A.D. Briscoe and H.P. Barnsley. It was probable however that the Club would hold some local races or a café chantant later in the summer. (A smoking concert early in the season seems hardly conducive to serious training. Author).

Only one Hereford crew entered at the Ross Regatta on 1st August, 1910. In the Smith-Watson Challenge Vase, in Heat 6, the crew beat Gloucester by a length, but in Heat 10 lost to Pengwerne by three lengths, the crew being:- F. Braithwaite, E.E.M. Hall, P.S. Wilkinson, A.B. Wallis (Stroke), J. Hammond (Cox). The final was won by Derby who beat Pengwerne.

So far available records are concerned the Hereford season ended by a supper and concert on 13th October, with J.S. Arkwright in the chair. The speeches were of the usual complimentary type.

1911

An occasional mention of Hereford rowing men in other athletic capacities should not come amiss. Thus H.R. Ragg was announced in February, 1911 as Secretary of the Cambridge University Athletic Club, no mean honour.

Very little information is available regarding the 1911 Annual General Meeting of the Herford Rowing Club in March, with J.S. Arkwright presiding. Members subscriptions had fallen off by £14 and £30 had been spent on the purchase of new boats. Officers were elected as follows:- President, J.S. Arkwright; Vice-presidents, en bloc; Captain, H.J. Hammond; Sub-captain, Stewart Lloyd; Treasurer, T.W. Allen; Secretary, A.G. Phillips. A committee was also elected. In the customary speech making Mr. Higginbotham regretted the failure of the Club last year from a rowing standpoint and suggested a coaching committee of six members.

The first inter school event, that between Hereford Cathedral School and Monmouth Grammar School resulted in a victory for Monmouth on 25th March at Hereford, the Hereford crew being:- H.T. Lewis, G. Millyard, A.T. Shelton, A.N. Williams (Stroke), A.G. Huntley (Cox).

This was followed by another defeat, this time by Worcester Cathedral School, also at Hereford on 1st April, the same Hereford crew being the losers by 1½ lengths.

Some sarcastic remarks were made at a preliminary meeting to organise the Hereford Regatta for 13th July. "Rowing was far better than lounging under willow bushes and enjoying a 'fag'. There has been too little genuine rowing". It was decided that J.S. Arkwright be Regatta President, with T.W. Allen as Treasurer; A.D. Briscoe as general secretary and Nash-Leibrandt as financial secretary.

Remarks of a more encouraging description appeared in the "Hereford Times" of 3rd June, 1911. "Steady but certain progress has been made during the last week in the form of all the crews in training....." "At the forthcoming Evesham Regatta the following don the blue and white jersey. Seniors (pair), Pearman and Lloyd. Maiden Fours, Court, Cutting, Starkey and Angus. Maiden Sculls, Wallis." This appears to be the first mention of O.B. Wallis who climbed into fame like a meteor, but unlike a meteor, remained prominent in the firmament for many years.

At the Evesham Regatta on 5th June the Hereford men flattered only to be disappointed. In the Junior Sculls for a cup valued at £5, O.B. Wallis was beaten by E.A. Lowe jun., of Loughborough by two lengths in the fourth heat. In the Open Pairs for the Mayor of Evesham's two silver cups and a cox's prize, the Hereford crew, R.S. Lloyd and A. Pearman, with J. Hammonds as cox, beat Neptune (Oxford) in the first heat, beat Loughborough in the fifth heat but were beaten in the final by Leicester. In an early heat for the Members Race for Maiden Fours for four cups and a cox's prize, the Hereford crew consisting of:- L.J. Starkey, R.W.T. Court, R.H. Cutting, W. Angus (Stroke), J.A. Hammonds (Cox). Beat Burton Leander, but in the seventh heat lost to Pengwerne.

At the Worcester Regatta on 15th June a Hereford crew entered for the Jubilee Challenge cup for Maiden Fours, with prizes of four cups and one for the cox, of the value of £10. The crew comprised L.G. Starkey, A.J. Bullar, R.H. Cutting, W. Angus (Stroke), A.J. Hammonds (Cox). In the first heat Hereford beat Cardiff, but in the fifth heat lost to Worcester.

The contemporary account of the Hereford Regatta on 13th July was prefaced by a long paragraph, which is summarised thus:- "Though rowing is declining in popularity, Hereford is still popular, but only three crews entered for the West of England Challenge Vase and it was impossible for the Wye Challenge Vase to be competed for..... There were decorated boats, water sports, racing on polo horses, a one scull dinghy race, a blindfold canoe race, pillow fight, cock fight, police versus postmen and a greasy pole competition. John Hatton gave a fishing exhibition with Owen Bradley as a "fish". Added to all these attractions was a troupe of pierrots on a decorated boat."

There was a lengthy and most impressive list of officials. The various results follow:-

Maiden Sculls

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| 4 th heat. | (1) | Hereford (Harold Stephens). Won by three lengths. |
| | (2) | Pengwerne. (H. Crump). |
| 6 th heat. | (1) | Birmingham (Stafford). Won by three lengths. |
| | (2) | Hereford. |
| Final | (1) | Birmingham |
| | (2) | Ross. |

Hereford Times Challenge Vase

- Ovens,
- 2nd heat. Hereford R.C. had a bye, Pengwerne scratching. Hereford crew, J.L Starkey, G. R.H. Cutting, W. Angus (Stroke), J.Hammonds (Cox).
- 5th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. R.W.S. Court, T.W. Matthey, C.J. Webber, E.A. Fletcher (Stroke), F. Wiltman (Cox).
(2) Bath R.C. (by two lengths).
- 6th heat. (1) Evesham (by $\frac{3}{4}$ length).
(2) Hereford R.C. (Angus' crew).
- 7th heat. (1) Ross (by three feet only).
(2) Hereford R.C. (Fletcher's crew).
- Final. (1) Evesham (by two lengths).
(2) Ross.

Pair Oars

- 1st heat. (1) Stourport R.C. (by two lengths).
(2) Hereford R.C. F.S.B.F. de Chaumont, A.T. Sheldon (Stroke), F. Williams (Cox).
- Final. (1) Stourport (by one length).
(2) Hereford R.C. R.S. Lloyd, A. Pearman (Stroke), J.A. Hammonds (Cox).

West of England Challenge Vase.

- (1) Burton Leander (by $\frac{2}{3}$ length).
(2) Dee R.C.
There was no Hereford entry.

Ladies and Gentlemens Double Sculls.

- 2nd heat. (1) Worcester.
(2) Hereford R.C. A.T. James, Miss Pearman (Stroke), Miss M.C. Fletcher (Cox).
- 3rd heat. (1) Hereford R.C. C.A. Riley, Miss D.M. Riley (Stroke), Miss A.C. Tillan (Cox).
- 6th heat (1) Pengwerne (after a dead heat).
(2) Hereford R.C. (Riley crew).
- Final (1) Worcester.
(2) Pengwerne.

Ladies Plate

- 1st heat. (1) Hereford R.C. W.T. Oatfield, A.G. Bullar, F.S.B.F. de Chaumont, A.T. Shelton (Stroke), J. Hammonds (Cox).
(2) Taff R.C. (by three feet).
- 3rd heat (1) Hereford R.C. (by $\frac{1}{2}$ length
(2) Cardiff.
- Final. (1) Evesham R.C. (by four lengths).
(2) Hereford R.C.

Police 'v' Postmen. In uniform.

- (1) Police. (2) Postmen.

Polo Horse Race.

(1) Carryer. (2) Bromfield.

Pillow Fight.

(1) Barber. (2) Bromfield.

Cock Fight

(1) Bromfield.

One Scull Dinghy.

(1) Barber.

Blindfold canoe, guided by bell.

(1) F.W. Carryer.

There was a "Fishing Exhibition" by E.J. Hatton, with O.L Bradley as "Fish".

"The Bystander" in mid July, 1911, makes the Hereford Rowing Club the sixth of its articles on "Rowing Clubs at Home". There are illustrations of the club house built in 1886 and added to in 1909, of a Maiden Four, crews waiting for the coach, Junior Fours bringing out their oars and one of the lovely bend at the New Weir. The membership is described as strong, as is its financial position: the honorary officials render admirable services, especially H.J. Hammonds, now captain for twelve years. Great hopes are held out for the future of the Club.

The Ross Regatta was held on 7th August, with the following results so far as Hereford competitors are concerned.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase, value 15 guineas with presentation prize of 8 guineas value, for Maidens in sliding seated fours.

1st heat. Two byes for the Hereford crews stroked by Angus and Fletcher.

3rd heat. (1) Evesham R.C.
(2) Hereford R.C. R.W.T. Court, T.H. Matthey, C. Webb, E.A. Fletcher (Stroke),
F. Williams (Cox).

6th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. L.J. Starkey, A.J. Bullar, R.H. Cutting, W. Angus (Stroke),
J.A. Hammonds (Cox).
(2) Worcester.

8th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. (Angus crew). By three lengths.
(2) Monmouth.

Final. (1) Hereford R.C. (Angus crew). By two lengths.

Cutler Challenge Vase, value 10 guineas, with presentation prize value 5 guineas, for sliding seated pair oars.

4th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. R.S. Lloyd, A. Pearman (Stroke), J.A. Hammonds (Cox).
(2) Pengwerne (by two lengths).

Final. (1) Hereford R.C. (by one length).
(2) Stourport.

Junior Sculls, prize value 3 guineas, in sliding seats. ½ mile.

2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	H. Stephens (by three lengths).
	(2)	Bristol Redcliffe.	W.M. Chapman.
6 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	H. Stephens (by four lengths).
	(2)	Gloucester.	F. Morgan.
8 th heat.	(1)	Matlock.J. Gregory.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	H. Stephens.
Final.	(1)	Matlock.J. Gregory.	
	(2)	Ross.	J. Johns.

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls. Prize value 2 guineas with cox prize.

2 nd heat.	(1)	Ross (Miss B. Woosnam's crew).
	(2)	Hereford R.C. A. Pearce, Miss Agnes Nash (Stroke), Miss C.M Riley (Cox).
3 rd heat.	(1)	Ross (Miss A.V. Johns' crew).
	(2)	Hereford R.C. C.A. Piley, Miss D.M. Riley (Stroke), Miss A.C. Tillam (Cox).
Final	(1)	Ross (Miss A.V. Johns' crew).
	(2)	Ross (Miss B. Woosman's crew).

Contrary to usual practice the results of the Hereford Rowing Club's members races to conclude the season on 21st September were given in full. These were followed by a supper and concert.

Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	L. Starkey.	(2)	Higginbotham.	3 lengths.
2 nd heat.	(1)	O.B. Wallis.	(2)	R.S. Lloyd.	2 lengths.
3 rd heat.	(1)	A.J. Bullar.	(2)	R. Court.	3 lengths.
Semi final	(1)	A.J. Bullar.	(2)	L. Starkey.	2 lengths.
Final.	(1)	O.B. Wallis.	(2)	A.J. Bullar.	1 length.

Pair Oars.

1 st heat.	(1)	Angus & Cutting.	(2)	Wilson & Worthing.	1 length.
2 nd heat.	(1)	R.S. Lloyd & A. Pearman.	(2)	Court & Wallis.	½ length.
3 rd heat.	(1)	Fletcher & S.W. Lloyd.	(2)	Starkey & Boig.	¼ length. After a dead
heat					
Semi final	(1)	Pearman & R.S. Lloyd.	(2)	Angus & Cutting.	1 length.
	(1)	Fletcher & S.W. Lloyd.	(2)	Garwood & Matthey.	1¼ length
Final.	(1)	Pearman & R.S. Lloyd.	(2)	Fletcher & S.W. Lloyd.	2 lengths.

Scratch Fours.

(1)	Higginbotham, Pearman, Matthey and O.B. Wallis.
(2)	Court, Cutting, Worthing, Fletcher.

Double Sculls.

(1)	Rowe and Hammonds.
(2)	C.G. Marchant and Barnsley.

1912

The 2nd March, 1912, saw the annual Hereford Cathedral School Regatta with its "Oxford" 'v' "Cambridge" contest, the judges being R.H.T. Symonds-Taylor and H. Sharpley. The umpire was H.J. Hammonds, starter, H. Hughes and Captain of boats, A.N. Williams. Result:-

(1)	"Oxford".	C.R. Blackett, C.B. Gorton, T. Millyard, F.M. Turner (Stroke), A.T. Briscoe (Cox).
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- (2) "Cambridge". E. Wilmot, L.H.B. Burlton, H.B. Hodgson, A.N. Williams (Stroke),
L.E.B. Dunkerley (Cox).

The 1912 Annual General Meeting of the Rowing Club was held on 8th March, with T.W. Allen in the chair, but only a short account is available. There was a credit balance of £4 on the years working. The Committee proposed buying some new boats. Officers were elected as follows:- President, J.S. Arkwright; Vice-presidents en bloc with the addition of W.A.S. Hewins M.P., R.C. Bourne and E.G. Davies. H.J. Hammonds accepted the position of Captain on condition he got more help in coaching. Mr. Carver suggested the purchase of a fast motor boat to save the coach running up and down the bank. It could also be used as an umpire boat. The matter was referred to a sub-committee. R.S. Lloyd was elected as Sub-captain; T.W. Allen as Treasurer and A.G. Phillips as Secretary.

At Monmouth on 21st March the Hereford Cathedral School beat Monmouth Grammar School by three lengths, the crew being:- C.B. Gorton, F.M. Turner, T. Millyard, A.N. Williams (Stroke), A.D. Briscoe (Cox). This same crew however was beaten in turn by Worcester Cathedral School on 30th March at Worcester, the starter being B.L. Felton.

The Evesham Regatta on 27th May, brought no kudos to Hereford. In the Members Prize for Maiden Fours, Birmingham beat the Hereford crew in the sixth heat by 1¾ lengths, C.W. Webber, E. Fletcher, H.J. Stephens, O.B. Wallis (Stroke), F. Williams (Cox) being the losers. A Hereford crew entered for the Mayor's Prize for Open Pairs, but scratched.

But Hereford was somewhat more fortunate at the Worcester Regatta on 20th June, 1912. The results are given in some detail below:-

City Members Plate.

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| 1 st heat. | (1) | Hereford R.C. | R.S. Lloyd, A. Pearman (Stroke), J. Hammonds (Cox). |
| | (2) | Burton Leander. | |
| Final. | (1) | Hereford R.C. (By one length). | |
| | (2) | Evesham. | |

Jubilee Challenge Vase for Maidens.

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| 5 th Heat. | (1) | Hereford R.C. | C. Webber, E. Fletcher, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis (Stroke),
F. Williams (Cox). |
| | (2) | Worcester Kings School. | |
| Final. | (1) | Stourport. | |
| | (2) | Hereford R.C. | |

Ladies Plate for Maiden Sculls.

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| 3 rd heat. | (1) | Hereford R.C. | H. Cutting. |
| | (2) | Ross. | |
| 6 th heat. | (1) | Liverpool. | |
| | (2) | Hereford R.C. | H. Cutting. |

Two Hereford crews entered at the Salford Regatta on 22nd June, 1912. In the Freeman's Challenge Cup for Maidens one crew won both its first heat and also the semi-final, beating Redcliffe and Taff respectively. In the Moulton Challenge Vase the Hereford pair, Lloyd and Pearman won the final, beating representatives of the Taff R.C., this being the second successive victory for the Vase.

The West of England Challenge Vase was won by Clifton R.C, who beat Burton Leander, no Hereford crew having entered.

A remarkable victory was that by Hereford at the Taff Regatta on 29th June, when beating Cardiff by four lengths in the Junior race, in spite of a broken oar caused by striking drift wood in the flooded river. The successful crew was:-

C. W. Webber, E.A. Fletcher, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis (stroke), F. Williams (Cox).

Against this must be recorded two losses at the Burton Regatta on 6th July. In the Junior Fours, Hereford lost to Boston and in the Pairs lost to Derby in a preliminary heat, Derby themselves being beaten in the final by Stourport.

In poor weather the Hereford Regatta took place on 11th July. Amongst the attractions was a balloon competition, toy balloons being filled with hydrogen and released, the one travelling furthest gaining a prize, a shilling being charged for each entry. 230 balloons were sold and two cards attached to them were returned from Leeds and Bamford, Derbyshire. But the more serious results follow:-

Maiden Sculls.

4 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	R.H. Cutting by 3 lengths.
	(2)	Gloucester.	F.C. Morgan.
6 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.,	by 2 lengths.
	(2)	Worcester.	
Final	(1)	Hereford R.C.	R.H. Cutting, by 2 lengths.
	(2)	Ross.	

Pair Oars.

4 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	Rowed over, R.S. Lloyd, A. Pearman (Stroke), J. Hammonds (Cox).
6 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	Rowed over.
Final.	(1)	Stourport	by 1½ lengths.
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

5 th heat.	(1)	Pengwerne.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	R.W.S. Court, T.H. Matthey, G. Ovens, H. Hughes (Stroke), J. Hammonds (Cox).
Final.	(1)	Cardiff.	
	(2)	Pengwerne.	

Ladies Plate for Junior Fours.

5 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	C. Webber, E. Fletcher, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis (Stroke), F. Williams (Cox).
	(2)	Cardiff.	
Final.	(1)	Worcester	by one length.
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	

Wye Challenge Vase for Senior Fours. (No Hereford entry).

(1)	Burton Leander.
(2)	Gloucester R.C.

Belmont Plate. Nor under A.R.A. rules.

(1)	Police.
(2)	Postmen.

Scratch Fours.

- (1) Raymond, Williams, Wadham, Stray.
- (2) Court, Mapp, Chick, Thomas.

Committee race in randans.

- (1) Captains, Past & Present. H.J. Hammonds, S. Myer (Stroke), C. Rootes (Cox).
- (2) Secretaries, Past & Present. A.G. Phillips, T.R. Worthing (Stroke), T. Carver (Cox).

Water Polo. (1) Newport Blue Team, by 2 goals to 1.
(2) Newport White Team.

Relay Race. (1) Newport White Team.
(2) Newport Blue Team.

Douglas Stephens of the Hereford Swimming Club took the place of one of the White Team and gave his prize to the displaced man.

Cork Bobbing. (1) Douglas Stephens, 15 corks.
(2) G. Gittings, 13 corks.

Leap Frog. (1) Douglas Stephens and H. Hooper.

At the Cardiff Regatta on 20th July the Hereford Pair, Lloyd and Pearman were in great form.

In the Pair Oars.

1st heat. (1) Hereford R.C. Lloyd and Pearman.
(2) Cardiff.

Semi final (1) Hereford R.C.
(2) Bristol Ariel.

Final. (1) Hereford R.C.
(2) Penarth.

Silver Jubilee Challenge Cup for Juniors. Crew names not available.

Early heat (1) Hereford R.C.
(2) Cardiff.

Semi final (1) Worcester.
(2) Hereford R.C.

Final. (1) Worcester.
(2) Penarth.

Of the Agecroft Regatta on 27th July the only information available is that Pearman and Lloyd of the Herford Club had a success, beating Hollingworth Lake for the Knowles Prize.

Two days later, on 29th July came the match between the Hereford Cathedral School and its Old Boys, resulting in a win for the veterans by half a length.

Old Boys:- G. Millyard, L.H. Shelton, R.S. Lloyd, C.C. Carus-Wilson (Stroke), F. Palethorpe (Cox).

School:- C.B. Gorton, F.N. Turner, T. Millyard, A.N. Williams (Stroke), A.D. Briscoe (Cox).

The Ross Regatta took place on 5th August with the following results.

Ross Challenge Vase for Juniors, value 12 guineas with presentation prize value 10 guineas, over a half mile course.

1 st heat.	(1)	Birmingham R.C.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	C. Webber, E. Fletcher, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis (Stroke), F. Williams (Cox).
Final	(1)	Worcester.	
	(2)	Birmingham.	

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase, for Maiden fours. No Hereford entry.

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars, value 10 guineas with presentation prize, value 5 guineas over a half mile course.

4 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	R.S. Lloyd, A. Pearman, (Stroke), J. Hammonds (Cox).
	(2)	Birmingham R.C.	
Final.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	Crew as above.
	(2)	Derby R.C.	

The local press during the week ending 17th August, 1912 reviewed the performances of the Hereford Rowing Club during the season. But for two or three slices of bad luck the Club would have had a couple of additional trophies. The fours did fairly well, stroked by O.B. Wallis they won at Salford and Cardiff and had more than one very narrow defeat. The Club rowing had certainly improved, thanks to H.J. Hammonds the indefatigable coach and Captain. As for the pairs the following table speaks for itself, embodying as it does the performances of Pearman and Lloyd at twelve regattas.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Regatta</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
1911.	5 th June.	Evesham.	Oxford Neptune.	Won.
			Loughborough	Won.
			Birmingham.	Won.
	5 th July.	Burton.	Leicester.	Lost.
			Burton.	Won.
			Stourport.	Won.
	13 th July.	Hereford.	Leicester.	Won.
	29 th July.	Saltford.	Stourport.	Lost.
			Clifton.	Won.
			Avon R.C.	Won.
	7 th August.	Ross.	Bristol Ariel	Won.
			Pengwerne.	Won.
			Stourport.	Won.
1912.	20 th June.	Worcester.	Burton.	Won.
			Evesham.	Won.
	22 nd June.	Saltford.	Redding.	Won.
			Clifton.	Won.
			Taff R.C.	Won.
	6 th July.	Burton.	Derby.	Won.
	11 th July.	Hereford.	Taff R.C.	Won.
			Cardiff.	Won.
			Stourport.	Lost.
	20 th July	Cardiff.	Cardiff.	Won.
			Bristol Ariel.	Won.
			Penarth Y.C.	Won.
	27 th July.	Agecroft.	Derby.	Won.
			Hollingworth Lake.	Won.
	5 th August.	Ross.	Birmingham.	Won.
			Derby.	Won.

Human nature being what it is, and considering what crews and coaches have to say to each other at times, it seems extraordinary that the Hereford Rowing Club coaches and secretaries should be entertained to supper by the crews. Had the writer been a coach he would have been very suspicious of the menu. However nothing unpleasant occurred on the auspicious night in mid September when J. Moor presided and 50 persons were present. All the coaches were there except S. Myer. The others were H.J. Hammonds, S. Marchant and E.A. Capel, as well as the Hon. Sec.

A.G. Phillips. In the speeches that followed, H.J. Hammonds praised the work of the pair Lloyd and Pearman, but was disappointed with the Junior Fours. Like all good coaches Hammonds was always sparing with his praises except when they were doubly deserved.

Having recovered from this supper another was held on 26th September, but this time it was preceded by a series of Club races to wind up the season. The results of the races follow.

Bury Challenge Vase for Sculls. H. Stephens.

Pair Oars. E.A. Fletcher and R.S. Lloyd.

Double Sculls. H.J. Hammonds and T.A. Matthews.

At the supper H.J. Hammonds presided, a wedding present was made to the Secretary A.G. Phillips and the evening concluded with a concert.

1912 terminated on a sad note, for the Treasurer for many years, Mr. T.W. Allen died suddenly in mid November. Apart from his connection with the Rowing Club he was conspicuous in many other Hereford activities including church matters. Many tributes were paid to his memory by citizens of all denominations.

1913

Earlier than usual the Hereford Cathedral School Regatt for 1913 was held on 22nd February and included the customary "Oxford" 'v' "Cambridge" contest. R.H.T. Symonds-Taylor and H. Sharpeley acted as judges, H.J. Hammonds as umpire, A.G. Jones as starter, the Captain of boats being H.B. Hodgson.

Result:-

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| (1) | "Oxford". | C.P.C. Davies, R.G. Pritchard, G.N. Embiricos, C.R. Blackett (Stroke),
G.F.S. Parker (Cox). |
| (2) | "Cambridge". | J.S. Gowring, E.M. Gibbon, H.B. Hodgson, T.N. Wilmot (Stroke),
A.D. Briscoe (Cox). |

Quite a number of interesting details emerged at the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Club on 14th March, when B. Roots presided. There was an adverse balance on the year of £38. 18s. 5d. but the Club was in a more satisfactory condition. Extra boats and accessories had cost about £60. Of a contract price of £30. 17s. 6d. for painting the premises, £16. 11s. 2d. had been debited in the accounts to permit the spreading of the payments over three years. Entrance fees and expenses of coxwains attending various regattas had increased by £6. The overdraft on the building account had been reduced from £186. 11s. 2d. to £118. 9s. 11d. and there had been a small profit on the regatta. Much to be regretted was the death of the Treasurer, T.W. Allen after a service of 35 years.

Among the financial details were the following:-

Members subscriptions.	£173.	1s.	6d.
Payments.			
Attendant.	£ 64.	12s.	0d.
Purchase and carriage.	£ 63.	9s.	1d.
Repairs and materials.	£ 22.	16s.	1d.
Regatta expenses.	£ 15.	4s.	0d.
Part painting premises etc.	£ 16.	17s.	6d.
Liabilities.			
Balance due to the Treasurer on building account.	£118.	9s.	11d.
Balance due to the Treasurer on cash account.	£ 35.	18s.	5d.
Part painting of premises.	£ 20.	0s.	0d.

Assets.			
Site of boathouse at cost.	£150.	0s.	0d.
Club House premises.	£440	8s.	9d.
Stock of boats and rafts.	£290.	10s.	0d.
Oars, sculls, materials, furniture and sundries.	£ 75.	15s.	0d.
Balance of assets over liabilities.	£782.	2s.	5d.

The matter of acquiring a motor boat had lapsed without further consideration. All outstanding subscriptions had been paid up. (Other clubs and institutions please note!). Officials were elected.

President, J.S. Arkwright.
 Vice-presidents, as before, except that T.W. Allen and H.C. Beddoe had died.
 Captain, H.J. Hammonds.
 Sub-captain, Lloyd, (presumably R.S. though no initial is given).
 Treasurer, A. Chapman.
 Secretary, A.G. Phillips.

The Committee was elected as previously except that O.B. Wallis did not offer himself for re-election.

A new rule stipulated that the entrance fee should be 10/6d., the annual subscription of 25/0d. to be paid in two instalments, one of 15/0d in advance on 1st april, the other of 10/0d. on 1st July. After discussion it was decided to hold a regatta this year.

When Hereford Cathedral school met Worcester Cathedral School at Hereford on 15th March there were two contests, the Hereford boys in each case being the victors.

Seniors (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	C.R. Blackett, H.B. Hodgson, G.N. Embiricos, T.N. Wilmot (Stroke), A.D. Briscoe (Cox).
(2)	Worcester Cathedral School.	
Juniors. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	C.P.C. Davies, E.M. Gibbon, R.G. Pritchard, C.N. Harris (Stroke), G.F.S. Parker (Cox).

The Rev. Murray Ragg and Rev. Canon Chappel acted as judges, J. Hammonds as umpire (should this not have read H.J. Hammonds?), and E.A. Capel as starter.

The same Senior crew beat Monmouth at Hereford on 20th March when the Cathedral School won by five lengths in very stormy weather.

A preliminary meeting of the Committee for the Hereford Regatta decided to hold it on the second Thursday in July, 1913. H. Walker, the Mayor was in the chair and some details of the previous years regatta were disclosed. Total income was £209. 6s. 2d. including £136. 10s. 0d. as subscriptions and £31. 13s. 0d. as gate money. The expenditure was £208. 18s. 0d. including prizes valued at £89. 7s. 8d; printing and advertising at £41. 12s. 3d; tents and canvassing £21. The cash balance in hand was 18/2d. and the value of prizes in hand £3. 3s. 0d.

At Evesham Regatta on 12th May the Hereford rowing Club put up a good show as the results indicate.

Mayors Plate.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	R.S. Lloyd and A. Pearman. By one length.
(2)	Birmingham.	
Later heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	By four lengths.
(2)	Leicester.	
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	By three lengths.
(2)	Gloucester.	

Junior Sculls. H.J. Stephens held his own until the eighth heat when he was beaten.

At the Worcester Regatta on 12th June Hereford R.C. competed in three events with results:-

City Members Plate for Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Birmingham.	Hereford R.C.	A. Pearman, E. Fletcher (Stroke), J. Hammonds
(2)		(Cox),	(Hereford broke a rigger).

Jubilee Challenge Vase.

In the second heat after a re-row through Ross capsizing Hereford lost. W. Cope, E. Jackson, J. Lucas, G. Ovens (Stroke), J.A. Hammonds (Cox).

Ladies Plate for Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	H. Stephens.	Hereford R.C.	By one length.
5 th heat. (1)	H. Stephens.		By one length.
Final. (1)	H. Stephens.		By three lengths.
(2)	Wadams.	Evesham.	

The West of England Challenge Vase was won by Burton. Hereford did not enter.

Hereford Club members were not confined to rowing in their own district. At Marlow Regatta on 21st June, O.B. Wallis won his heat in the Junior Sculls Challenge Cup but lost in the final to H.M.S. Carpenter of Kingston, by 1½ lengths.

The Hereford Regatta for 1913 was held on 10th July with many auxiliary attractions, such as decorated boats, a toy balloon race, watch timing guessing, clock golf, café chantant and illuminations in the evening.

Four senior crews entered including the two from Evesham, but none from Worcester. There were only six competitors for juniors in the Ladies Plate, seven maiden crews for the Hereford Times Challenge Vase, and nine for the sculling races. There were no entries for the Ladies and Gents Double Sculls or the Double Sculls. Results:-

Wye Challenge Vase, value 50 guineas with presentation prize value 3 guineas.

2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	L.J. Starkey, H. Stephens, A. Pearman, E. Fletcher (Stroke),
		J. Hammonds (Cox).
(2)	Evesham.	(Wadams crew).
Final. (1)	Evesham.	(Haines crew).
(2)	Hereford R.C.	

Hereford led most of the way but fell off near the end due to insufficient training.

Ladies Plate, comprising Challenge Vase presented by the Hereford Times with presentation prize value 20 guineas.

(1)	Gloucester.
(2)	Cardiff

There was no Hereford entry.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase with prize value 12 guineas.

3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	W. Cope, E. Jackson, J. Lucas, G. Ovens (Stroke), J. Hammonds
		(Cox). By 3 yards
(2)	Ross.	
5 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	By one length.
(2)	Hereford R.C.	

Final. (1) Stourport.
 (2) Worcester.

Maiden Sculls. Prize value 4 guineas.

2nd heat. (1) O.B. Wallis. By 1½ lengths.
 (2) Goode.

6th heat. (1) O.B. Wallis. By one length.
 (2) May.

Final. (1) O.B. Wallis. By two lengths.
 (2) Hodgson. (Hereford Cathedral School).
 O.B. Wallis was much praised for his fine and stylish sculling.

Belmont Plate, not under A.R.A. rules.

(1) Police "A".
 (2) Police "B".

Other attractions were scratch Fours, a swimming exhibition, water polo, Cork bobbing, Leap Frog, Greasy Pole for watermen and a Swimming Team Race. The gate money amounted to £30. 0s. 0d.

A photograph of O.B. Wallis appeared in the Hereford Times on 2nd August, 1913 with a corresponding paragraph. "This season O.B. Wallis 'won his maidens' at Henley Regatta. At East Molesey, ranking next to Henley in importance, he won all his heats with ease and beat D. Gollam in the final. At Kingston-on-Thames on 26th July, he was successful in the Junior-Senior Sculling Race".

At the Saltford Regatta on 26th July, Hereford shared honours, losing in the Bath City Challenge Vase to Evesham by ¼ length, but beating Monkton Coombe School in the fourth heat for the Saltford Plate by ¾ length, and Clifton in the final by three lengths. The crew was:- L.J. Starkey, A. Pearman, H. Stephens, E. Fletcher (Stroke), J.

Ross held its regatta on 4th August, with many entries from Hereford. Results follow:-

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase, value 15 guineas with 8 guineas presentation prizes, for Maidens.

1st heat. (1) Ross. By ¾ length.
 (2) Hereford R.C. A. Martin, Austin de Manzarraga, G. Embiricos, J.E. Lucas (Stroke), J. Hamond (Cox).
 Final. (1) Bradford.
 (2) Ross.

Cutler Challenge Vase, value 10 guineas with prizes value 5 guineas.

1st heat. (1) Cardiff.
 (2) Hereford R.C. E. Fletcher, A. Pearsons (Pearman?) (Stroke), J. Hammond (Cox).
 Final. (1) Gloucester.
 (2) Worcester.

Junior Sculls. Prize value 3 guineas.

6th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. H. Stephens. By three lengths.
 (2) Selwyn college. C.A.C. May.
 9th heat. (1) Hereford R.C.
 (2) Ross.
 Final. (1) Nottingham.
 (2) Hereford R.C. H. Stephens.

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls. Prize value 2 Guineas.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	L.J. Starkey, Miss D. Davies (stroke), Miss A. Davies (Cox).
	(2)	Worcester.	
2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	E. Fletcher, Miss D. Jones (Stroke), Miss G. Nash (Cox).
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	Miss Davies crew.
3 rd heat.	(1)	Ross.	By inches only.
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	A. Pearson, Miss P. Phillips (Stroke).
4 th heat.	(1)	Cardiff.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	G.N. Embiricos, Miss M. Briscoe (Stroke), Miss D.F. Hammond (Cox).
5 th heat.	(1)	Ross.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	C. Webber, Miss M. Webber (Stroke).
6 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	Miss Jones crew.
	(2)	Ross.	
Final	(1)	Ross.	By three feet.
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	Miss Jones crew.

Turning back the pages to 1879 we find that Frederick Wilding left England for New Zealand soon after his marriage. Later we hear of his prowess at cricket and tennis. Later he became a K.C. but still played his favourite games. This aptitude for sports must have been hereditary for his son Anthony took to tennis and by 1913 was lawn tennis champion of the world. But we shall soon bemoan his loss for he was killed at La Basse in June 1915 during the First World War.

1914

There is a record of the annual Sports Ball on 6th January, 1914, though previous mention of these affairs seem to have largely escaped public notice in the press. Apart from appropriate decorations by other sports clubs there was a mirror with the banner of the Hereford Rowing Club and many of its members were present.

A remarkable omission was that of the "Oxford" 'v' "Cambridge" match at the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 11th March, owing to the lack of available boys of rowing age and qualifications. The other, lesser renowned races were however run.

The results of last years Hereford Regatta were shown at a preliminary meeting of the regatta committee on 13th March, the Mayor, G.B. Greenland presiding.

Income.	£204.	5s.	0d.	Printing etc.	£27.	8s.
9d						
Balance in hand.	£ 19.	17s.	10d	Prizes	£84.	18s.
0d						
Prizes in hand	£ 10.	0s.	0d.			
Profit on stop watch competition.	£ 8.	0s.	0d.			
Subscriptions.	£137.	18s.	2d.			
Entrance fees.	£ 16.	10s.	0d.			
Gate money.	£ 30.	15s.	5d.			

It was decided to hold the regatta on a Saturday in July and C.E. Turner was appointed as financial secretary.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club took place on 20th March, A. Chapman presiding. The report is mainly of a financial character. The overdraft on the building account has increased from £118. 9s. 11d. to £124. 11s. 4d. owing to interest charges. Entrance fees for the last year had amounted to £9. 9s. 0d. The balance sheet follows:-

Subscriptions.	£158.	1s.	6d.
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Sale of boat.	6.	0.	0.
Keelage.		7.	6.
Lockers etc.	4.	1.	6.
	<u>£168.</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>6.</u>

Balance due to the treasurer at 31st December, 1913. £32. 7s. 5d.

Balance to 31 st December, 1912.	£ 35.	18s.	5d.	
Attendant.	67.	12.	8.	
National Insurance Stamps.	1.	10.	4.	
Repairs and materials.	20.	18.	2.	
Printing and stationery.	5.	16.	9.	
Rates, taxes, insurance.	5.	8.	11.	
Regatta entrance and expenses.	18.	8.	0.	
Extra labour.	2.	0.	0.	
Coal, gas, water.	3.	1.	11.	
Painting premises.	20.	0.	0.	(being an instalment on £36. 17s. 6d.).
Secretary's expenses and post.	4.	0.	0.	
West of England Vase prize.	6.	0.	0.	
A.R.A. meeting expenses.	2.	0.	0.	
Planting grounds.	1.	18.	6.	
Charges.		10.	10.	
Cheque book		<u>2.</u>	<u>6.</u>	
	<u>£124.</u>	<u>11s.</u>	<u>4d.</u>	

Liabilities.

Balance due to treasurer on building account.	£ 124.	11s.	4d.
Balance due to treasurer on cash account.	32.	7.	5.
Balance assets over liabilities.	<u>£ 877.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>3.</u>
	<u>£1034.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Assets.

Site of boathouse at cost.	£ 150.	0s.	0d.
Club premises.	440.	8.	9.
Stock of boats and rafts.	277.	5.	0.
Stock of oars, sculls, furniture.	76	15.	0.
Challenge Vases.	80.	0.	0.
Entrance fees.	9.	9.	0.
Interest.		<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>
	<u>£1034.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Officers were elected. President, J.S. Arkwright; Captain, H.J. Hammonds; Sub-captain, G.B. Wallis; Treasurer, A. Chapman; Secretary, A.G. Phillips.

Monmouth Grammar School suffered a defeat at Monmouth by three lengths at the hands of the Hereford Cathedral School on 21st March, the Hereford School crew being:- K.S. Hemingway, C.N. Harris, R.G. Prichard, H.B. Hodgson (Stroke), A.D. Briscoe (Cox).

The same Hereford School crew lost to Worcester at Worcester on the 2nd April, the course being from the Dog and Duck ferry to the School Boat Club barge just below the Cathedral ferry.

The Evesham Regatta on 2nd June resulted in three defeats of the Hereford crews as follows:-

Town Plate. (Seniors).

Hereford R.C. beaten by Gloucester in an early heat. Starkey, Stephens, Pearman, Fletcher.

The final was (1) Gloucester (2) Evesham.

Eyres-Mansell Plate (Maidens).

1st heat. (1) Hereford R.C. Meyrick, Lawrence, Martin, Baker.
 (2) Evesham.

Later heat (1) Bristol Redcliffe.
 (2) Hereford R.C. Crew as above.

Another crew, Shaw, Owens, Hedges, Wilson, was beaten in the same event by Royal Chester.

A brief report of the Stratford-on-Avon Regatta on 20th June states that in the Kings Trophy Challenge Vase a senior four from Hereford was beaten by Nottingham by two lengths, the final winners being Nottingham, with Stratford second.

On 27th June at the Stourport Regatta, Evesham beat Hereford R.C. in the first heat, the losers being C. Webber, O.B. Wallis (Stroke), S. Webber (Cox).

The Hereford Regatta for 1914 took place on 11th July, a Saturday, instead of the usual Thursday in the hope of attracting more entries. However only four crews entered for the West of England Challenge Vase. It is encouraging to know that the Hereford R.C. entrants reached all the finals with the exception of that for the West of England Vase. Results:-

West of England Challenge Vase, value 120 guineas with presentation prize value 30 guineas.

1st heat. (1) Stratford B.C. By 2½ lengths.
 (2) Hereford R.C. L.J. Starkey, H. Stephens, A. Pearman, E.A. Fletcher
 (Stroke),
 A.D. Briscoe (Cox).

Final. (1) Stratford B.C.
 (2) Nottingham Union R.C.

Wye Challenge Vase, value 50 guineas, presentation prize value 15 guineas.

1st heat. (1) Hereford R.C. Crew as above. By ¼ length
 (2) Nottingham Union R.C.

Final. (1) Gloucester R.C. By 1¼ lengths.
 (2) Hereford R.C.

Ladies Plate, comprising Hereford Times Challenge Vase and prize value 20 guineas. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase, prize value 12 guineas.

2nd heat. (1) Pengwerne. By 1½ lengths.
 (2) Hereford R.C. L. Merrick, B.L. Shaw, C. Hedges, A.E. Lawrence
 (Stroke),
 A.D. Briscoe (Cox).

5th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. C.H. Baker, J.E.L. Lucas, N.B. Martin, A. Wilson
 (Stroke),
 A.D. Briscoe (Cox).
 (2) Ross.

Final. (1) Pengwerne.
 (2) Hereford R.C. Wilson's crew.

Mayor's Prize for Pair Oars, value 7 guineas.

3rd heat (1) Hereford R.C. C. Webber, G.L. Wallis (Stroke), T. Webber (Cox).
 (2) Worcester.

Final. (1) Gloucester R.C.
 (2) Stourport R.C.
 (The report does not say how the Hereford pair was eliminated).

Maiden Sculls, value 4 guineas.

1st heat. (1) Hereford Cathedral School. H.B. Hodgson.
 (2) Pengwerne. S.W. Jones.
 4th heat. (1) Hodgson.
 (2) Cardiff R.C.
 Final. (1) Hodgson, (Hereford Cathedral School).
 (2) Worcester.

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls. Prize value 3 guineas.

Final. (1) A.E. Deverall, Miss D. Davies (Stroke), Miss Mary Akerman (Cox).
 (2) J. Hammonds, Miss Hammonds (Stroke), Miss Trixie Carless (Cox).

Belmont Plate.

(1) Army Service Corps.
 (2) Police "B".

Included in the attractions was a display of high diving and also a motorcycle gymkhana. The evening was terminated by a dinner.

On 25th July came the Salford Regatta with a win and two losses for the Hereford R.C.

Freeman Challenge Vase for Maidens.

1st heat. (1) Hereford R.C. C.B. Baker, J.E.L. Lewis, N.B. Martin, A.B. Wilson
 (Stroke), J. Hammonds (Cox).
 (2) Worcester.
 7th heat. (1) Hereford R.C.
 (2) Redcliffe.
 Final. (1) Hereford R.C.
 (2) Avon.

Bath City Challenge Vase for Seniors. Also the Saltford Plate.

(1) Avon.
 (2) Hereford R.C. L.J. Starkey, H. Stephens, C. Webber, E.A. Fletcher
 (Stroke), J. Hammonds (Cox).

With the shadow of the First World War on the verge of obliterating the landscape the Ross Regatta took place on 1st August, 1914. Results:-

Smith-Watson Challenge Cup for Maidens.

1st heat. (1) Hereford R.C. L. Merrick, B.L. Shaw, C. Hedges, A.E. Lawrence
 (Stroke), A.D. Briscoe (Cox).
 7th heat. (1) Hereford R.C.
 (2) Bath.
 Final. (1) Bath.
 (2) Worcester.

(There seems to be an error here. How was Hereford eliminated?).

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	C. Webber, H. Stephens (Stroke), A.D. Briscoe (Cox).
	(2)	Derby Derwent.	
5 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	
	(2)	Bradford.	(scratched).
6 th heat.	(1)	Gloucester.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	
Final.	(1)	Gloucester.	
	(2)	Ross.	

Mixed Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	E. Fletcher, Miss A. Jones (Stoke), Miss G. Nash (Cox).
	(2)	Ross.	
4 th heat.	(1)	Ross.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	H. Stephens, Miss D. Davies (Stroke), Miss C. Nash
			(Cox).
5 th heat.	(1)	Ross.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	Miss Jones' crew.
Final.	(1)	Cardiff.	
	(2)	Ross.	

THEN CAME THE DECLARATION OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR, with its disastrous effects on the life of millions. Practically all fit and therefore athletic men hastened to join the fighting forces and sport had to take a seat well to the rear. Rowing would be a blank as far as 1915 at least would be concerned. Probably no club on the river could raise even a Four at present. In December 1914 Henley announced that there would be no 1915 regatta, the first to be omitted since the regattas started in 1839. Later it was announced that there would be no University Boat Races, nor any rowing fixtures on the Thames.

1915

One of the early effects of the war was the limitation of the size of newspapers, hence apart from the fewness of rowing events to report there is a disproportionate lack of reporting of the events that did take place. What follows during the war years will necessarily be a scrappy description and at times may appear to bear little relation to the affairs of the Hereford Rowing Club. For instance it is recorded that Alfred Watkins during a lecture on cinematography in March 1915, showed films amongst others of the last Hereford Regatta.

The Hereford Cathedral School Regatta took place on 10th March, but lacked the annual contest between "Oxford" and "Cambridge". Instead two crews were substituted, namely "Red" and "Yellow". Result:-

(1)	"Red".	A.G. Baker, L.B. Duggan, C.J. Cook, A.C. Edwards (Stroke), C.R.M. Williams (Cox).
(2)	"Yellow".	H. Duddridge, F.J. Parker, G. Wright, L.E.B. Dunkerley (Stroke), E.A.P. Dawson (Cox).

H.J. Hammonds acted as starter with Messrs. Dawson and Worthing as judges

On 24th March, 1915, the Hereford Cathedral School were beaten by Worcester Cathedral School on the Wye, but this could hardly be regarded as a serious contest for both the first and second Hereford crews had left the school. Probably Worcester had suffered a similar loss as regards rowing. The Hereford crew consisted of L.R. Duggan, C.T. cook, A.C. Edwards, L.E.B. Dunkerley (Stroke), A.D. Briscoe (Cox).

The next three items are not concerned with actual rowing but are of interest as showing what happened to some at least of the persons intimately connected with the Hereford Rowing Club.

At the end of July, 1915, Alfred Watkins wrote "You may see at St. Martins, the gravestone of Richard Crompton, barge owner, and by its side a stone to the son of the same name 'erected by a few members of the Hereford Rowing Club', for though Alfred Crompton, the younger, lived when barge days were over, and was brought up as a cabinet maker and polisher, he had boats in his blood, and his best work went as helper at the Club boat house, as I well know when I had the building of it as Captain."

The other two items relate to the end of August, 1915, and show that both O.B. Wallis and E.A. Capel, both prominent Club members were wounded on war service.

1916

When we come to 1916 rowing news is scanty indeed, being confined to two items only. This is not surprising when it is realised that newspapers were reduced in size to a single sheet of four pages, much of which was devoted to war news and wartime restrictions and regulations.

In the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 18th March the chief event was the contest between the "Red" and "Yellow" crews, resulting thus:-

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| (1) | "Yellow". | R.D.T. Collier, A.M. Cave, H. Duddridge, L.B. Duggan (Stroke),
C.R.M. Williams (Cox). |
| (2) | "Red". | F.J. Parker, K.C. Eu, E.S.R. Thomas (Stroke), J. Mumford (Cox). |

The Rev. J. Henson and Mr. Pudsey Dawson acted as judges, whilst the starter was H.J. Hammonds, the Captain of the Hereford Rowing Club.

The other item for 1916 was the defeat of the Hereford Cathedral School crew at Worcester on 25th March by the Worcester Cathedral School at Worcester, the losing crew consisting of:- F.C. Williams (Captain), C.J. Cook, P.A. Hunt, L.E.B. Dunkerley (Stroke), C.R.N. Williams (Cox). Just after the finish the Worcester boat was swamped and the boys had to swim to the river bank.

1917

Again in 1917 there is only one rowing item recorded, and even this is only indirectly connected with the Hereford Rowing Club. Two Club members were war casualties in March and April. Stewart Lloyd was seriously wounded in Mesopotamia. Readers will recall his many victories in partnership with a Pearman in pair oared races and the prominent part he took in club affairs. More unfortunate was R.W.S. Court who was killed in Gaza. He rowed for some seasons in the Club Fours and won the sculling prize at Worcester. Apart from this he was a prominent athlete and successful motorcyclist in many competitions.

A momentous decision was taken at the Annual General Meeting of the Rowing Club on 27th April, with H.J. Hammonds, the Captain in the chair. It was pointed out the 40 ladies had promised to join the Club if this was allowed and their subscriptions at £1. 1s. 0d. per annum would be of great benefit. They had been permitted to boat on Sundays, but this might cease in normal times as the Club was intended for serious rowing. A resolution was passed admitting ladies to membership.

The financial report was brief and showed the following figures.

Receipts on cash account.	£ 27.	1s.	6d.
Balance due to Treasurer.	£120.	15.	4.
Balance on building fund.	£122.	12.	3.
Assets.	£1005.	16s.	3d.
Assets over liabilities.	762.	8.	8.
Previous years income.	119.	19.	0.

Expenditure down by about £10.

Officers were elected as follows:-

President, J.S. Arkwright; 20 Vice-presidents were re-elected; Captain, H.J. Hammonds: Vice-captain, G. Wallis; Treasurer, Lomas; Secretary, Phillips.

The only rowing item was at the end of August when a match took place between a crew of Veterans and one from the National Factory of Rotherwas. The Veterans won by a length in spite of the disparity of ages, the average of the veterans being 55 and that of the Factory crew only 35, a matter of 20 years. The veterans crew comprised:- Tom James, G. Bray, A. Wigley, Walter Badham (Stroke), Harry Hammonds (Cox). Some of these names may be familiar to readers of earlier chapters. Mr. Hatton was starter; Percy Barnsley, judge; Sidney Marchant, umpire.

To preserve as many names connected with the Club as possible is the excuse for the following item. In spite of a war time ban on fireworks, the 16 year old son of the caretaker of the Club boats, D.W. Crissal was injured by a rocket on 5th November.

1918

The 1918 Hereford Cathedral School Regatta was held on 9th March and included three heats and the final for junior pairs, two heats and final for scratch fours, with what had now become an annual event, "Red" versus "Yellow". Apart from the fact that Mr. Hammonds acted as starter with the Rev. J. Henson and Mr. Hudson as judges, no more details are at present available.

A committee meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 11th March decided to carry on as usual, despite the absence on war service of many members. Thanks to the lady members the finances were healthy and the prospects encouraging.

During the same month, March, 1918 an unusual contest took place between the Hereford Cathedral School and the Worcester School for the blind resulting in a win for the former, consisting of S.C. Ritton-Thomas, E.A. Addison, L.G. Brookes-Dunkerley (Stroke), C.R.M. Williams (Cox). It would seem from the report that at least two of the Worcester crew possessed sight.

The boats were loaned by the Hereford Rowing Club and H.J. Hammonds, the Club Captain acted as starter.

In June a committee was formed of all the members of Hereford Rowing Club and 30 officials of the Royal Ordnance Factory at Rotherwas to organise a regatta for the 27th July, a date that was subsequently postponed to the 31st August, and entitled the "Hereford Munitions Regatta and Water Carnival". The proceeds were to be given to the Prisoners of War fund, local hospitals, the Factory Sick Club and other benevolent institutions that the committee might decide.

The regatta duly took place on 31st August and included 11 rowing events, nine swimming events and other competition, A.G. Phillips acting as Hon. Secretary. Results follow:-

Open Tub Fours.

- (1) A.V. Lucas, C. Brown, E. Rawkins, W. Hartnell (Stroke).

Tub Fours. Factory men only.

- (1) E. Rawkins, A.V. Lucas, B.M. Brown, W. Hartnell (Stroke).

Four Oars. Rowed over by the City Police, their opponents having been the Factory Police.

Open Pairs.

- Final. (1) D. Crisall and J. Nolan.
(2) Lieut. Trotter and A. Pearman.

Other events were as indicated above.

The financial results were published in November. Cheques for £7 were sent to the Hereford General Hospital, the Hampton Grange V.A.D. Hospital, Beechwood V.A.D. Hospital, K.S.L.I. Prisoners of War fund and the Factory Sick Club.

The first event to be noted in 1919 is the "Red" 'v' "Yellow" match for Junior Fours at Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 29th March. Result:-

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| (1) | "Red". | E.T. Marshall, E.A.P. Dawson, F.V. Cross, G.S.C. Herts (Stroke),
P.E. Greenland (Cox). |
| (2) | "Yellow". | T.W. Pennington, W.A.R. Howell, C. Knight, K.A. Lloyd (Stroke),
A.G. Davies (Cox). |

Only one yard separated the boats at the finish.

On the 2nd April the Hereford Cathedral School beat the Worcester Cathedral Kings School, the winning team being:-

C.G. Peacock, F.J.P. Parker, E.A. Addison (Captain of boats), S.C.R. Flowers (Stroke), J.A. Davies (Cox).

It was only to be expected that the end of the war brought to light the results of inability to deal with deterioration and neglect of the property of the club. At a meeting under the chairmanship of r. Symonds-Tayler it was decided to hold a fancy dress ball at the Shirehall on 14th May to raise funds for additional Club boats. At the ball itself it was announced that five boats were on order. Most of the existing ones needed repair and re-varnishing. The boatman, Bert Crissell was continually finding defects owing to lack of attention during the war. The pavilion had to be repainted. On top of all this, new boats cost twice as much as before the war. Consequently it had been decided to hold no regatta in 1919.

At the Evesham Regatta in June there was an entry by the Hereford Rowing Club in a Mixed Double Sculls, of C.E.R. Giles, Miss F.G. Trudge(Stroke), Miss M.,E. Blackmore (Cox), but the victors proved to be a Worcester crew by a quarter length.

Henley Regatta attracts oarsmen of the highest class from all quarters and it is pleasing to know that at least three Hereford men were in the list of competitors early in June, 1919. O.B. Wallis competed unsuccessfully for the Kingswood Sculls Cup being beaten in the second heat. Lieut. R.V. Symonds-Tayler was stroke of the Cambridge Naval Officers crew, who won their heat on the 2nd July for the Elsenham Cup. If the contemporary report is correct, he was also stroke for the same crew that won its second heat in the Remenham Cup on the 3rd. A.V. Briscoe was stroke for the Lady Margaret crew in the Elsenham Cup, but it was beaten in the sixth heat for the Remenham Cup.

The Ross Regatta on 4th August saw several entries by the Hereford Rowing Club, but no trophies, as the following results show:-

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

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| 1 st heat. | (1) | Stourport. | |
| | (2) | Hereford R.C. | L. Merrick, H. Stewart, A.V. Lucas, C.G. Morrish (Stroke),
G.T.R. Hammonds (Cox). |

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars.

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| 1 st heat. | (1) | Evesham. | |
| | (2) | Hereford R.C. | A. Lucas, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), G.T.R. Hammonds (Cox). |

Junior Sculls. (1) J. Cooke (Evesham). (2) C.H. Baker, Hereford R.C.

Mixed Sculls. After a dead heat and a re-row the Hereford crew was beaten in the final. G.H. Baker, Mrs. G.H. Baker (Stroke), Mrs. Bryan Hatton (Cox), being the unfortunates concerned, and this after beating Stourport by two lengths in the first heat.

A more pleasant note is that Major E.A. Capel, a well known Club member, was given the Territorial decoration by the King in August. He had already been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at Romani when attacked by the Turks and for general good work throughout the campaign.

Although it had been decided not to hold a 1919 Regatta it still proved possible to arrange a limited combined Regatta and Gymkhana in conjunction with the Hereford Motor Cycle Club on 25th September, the starter, so far as rowing was concerned being H.J. Hammonds, the judges being Dr. E.W. Maples and P. Fox. The rowing results follow:-

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls.

- (1) A.B. Wilson, Miss Trudge (Stroke), Miss Barnsley (Cox).
- (2) C.G. Morrish and Miss Pettigree.

Randan Race.

- (1) C.P. Wrner, F.A. Blackman, G.B. Shaw and Master Marett (Cox).
- (2) L.C. Parker, Dean, J.T. James.

Gents Double Sculls.

- (1) H.F. Stewart, E. Mullis and Miss P. Barnsley (Cox).
- (2) C.G. Morrish, F.A. Blackman.

Scratch Fours.

- (1) L. Merrick, J.T. James, C.G. Morrish, S. Stephens.
- (2) L.C. Parker, H. Hoskins, G.B. Shaw, E.J. Mullins.

After the proceedings, which included many motor cycle features, there was a combined supper and concert, 50 persons being present, with H.J. Hammonds in the chair.

1920

Naturally it was some time after the end of the war that rowing matters began to resume more of a normal course and 1920 saw the return of reportage to greater extent of the events on the river.

On 17th March the Hereford Cathedral School beat Worcester Kings School at Hereford, the course being a half mile upstream, by four lengths. The crew was:- C. Peacock, T.J. Parker, E.A. Addison (captain), S.C.R. Thomas (Stroke), Daniels (Cox).

On 20th March the Hereford Cathedral School beat Monmouth Grammar School at Hereford by 1½ lengths. The crew was not named in the report.

A cheerful note pervaded the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 12th May. H.J. Hammonds, relinquishing for once his customary pessimistic attitude, said the Club had heaps of willing youngsters practising to make themselves fully representative of the Club. They had the fastest pair he had seen for years. Possibly as a consequence of his speech it was decided to hold a regatta this year, after an interval of five previous years. A committee was elected with powers to co-opt outsiders, with the help of ladies and the Chamber of Commerce. Clinker boats were to be permitted entry. During the various discussions it was stated that in the early days of the war nearly every member had volunteered for service. Mr. H.J. Hammonds was now on the Amateur Rowing Association Executive Committee.

The Evesham Regatta on 24th May put somewhat of a damper on this enthusiasm for two defeats were encountered by Hereford representatives. In the pair Oars Angus Wilson and O.B. Wallis were beaten by an Evesham pair, but with some mitigation of their loss. They used a boat supplied by Evesham that was higher and rounder than their own, and in addition had no opportunity of practising on the course. In the Junior Fours the Hereford crew consisting of L. Merrick, G. Edwards, J. Hammonds, C.G. Morrish (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox), lost their heat to a Nottingham crew.

At Stratford-on-Avon in late June there was a most exciting race for the Kings Trophy Challenge Vase, when Hereford was beaten in the second heat by Worcester, the crew being:- C.H. Baker, H. Stevens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox).

At the Henley Regatta O.B. Wallis entered for the Diamond Sculls, but lost his heat to J. Beresford Jun. Of the Thames R.C. This defeat was atoned for by his subsequent gaining of the Dee Championship on the 14th July at Chester, and the winning of the Open Sculls at Bedford the next day, two notable feats.

On 22nd July came the much advertised Hereford Regatta with a most imposing programme of attractions, including a Fine Art exhibition, High Diving, Water Sports, Cork Bobbing, Greasy Pole, Weight Guessing and other amusements. The rowing results are given below:-

Maiden Sculls. Prize value 4 guineas.

- (1) C. H. Baker. (H.R.C.)
- (2) F. Hayter. (H.R.C.)

Mayor's Prize for Pair Oars. Value 7 guineas.

- (1) Evesham.
- (2) Hereford R.C. B. Wilson, O.B. Wallis (Stroke).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase with presentation prizes value 12 guineas for Maidens.

- (1) Hereford first crew. C.S. Beavan, A.V. Lucas, W. Hill, C.G. Morrish (Stroke),
G. Hammonds (Cox).
- (2) Birmingham R.C.

Senior Sculls. Prize value 7 guineas.

- (1) O.B. Wallis (H.R.C.).
- (2) H. Stephens (H.R.C.).

Belmont Plate for Scratch Fours. Prize value 4 guineas.

- (1) Military Club.
- (2) Electricity Works.

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls. Prize value 3 guineas.

- (1) Worcester.
- (2) Hereford second crew. F.A. Blackman, Mrs. O.B. James.

Ladies Plate, comprising Hereford Times Challenge Vase with 15 guineas presentation prizes for Juniors.

- (1) Evesham.
- (2) Hereford R.C. C.S. Beavan, A.V. Lucas, W.Hill, C.G. Morrish (Stroke),
G. Hammonds (Cox).

Amongst other officials were the Hon. Secs. Leslie H. Ball and Herbert M. Wilson.

The receipts amounted to £400 including advance bookings of £50, side shows £50, gate takings £100. As against this £60 had to be paid in entertainment tax.

The Worcester Regatta on 31st July, 1920 was memorable in the annals of the Hereford rowing Club, for after forty years of striving the West of England Challenge Vase was won. J.R. Symonds was the Club's representative who at a meeting on 3rd February, 1877, proposed the introduction of the Challenge Vase, and on two occasions was a member of the crew that was beaten by the narrow margin of three feet. H.J. Hammonds and S.J. Marchant were also members of crews on two occasions, only losing by a quarter length. In the present contest the Hereford crew beat Agecroft in the first heat, and Gloucester in the semi-final. In the final Nottingham was defeated by the substantial margin of three lengths over 1¼ mile course. The victorious crew was:- C.H. Baker, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox). Every member of the crew had served during the war, three of them with the Herefordshire Regiment.

This same crew, however, did not meet with the approval of the fates at the Ross Regatta on 2nd August. Neither did other representatives of the Club fare much better as the following results show.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase, for Maidens.

13 th heat.	(1)	Stratford-on-Avon.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	J.T. Jones, R.J. White, B. Shaw, H.A. Fletcher (Stroke), W.G. Collins (Cox).

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pairs.

3 rd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), G.Hammonds (Cox).
	(2)	Derby R.C.	
6 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	By ¼ length.
	(2)	Cardiff.	
Final.	(1)	Evesham.	By one length.
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	C.H. Baker.	(H.R.C.).
	(2)	B. Fletcher.	(Evesham).
2 nd heat.	(1)	J.S. Robinson.	(Agecroft).
	(2)	Frank Hayter.	(H.R.C.).
4 th heat.	(1)	C.H. Baker.	(H.R.C.).
	(2)	J.S. Robinson	(Agecroft).
Final.	(1)	W. Ward.	(Monmouth
	(2)	C.H. Baker.	(H.R.C.).

Ross Challenge Vase. Open Fours.

1 st heat.	(1)	Evesham.	By a half length.
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	C.H. Baker, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox).

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	Ross R.C.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	G.L.Owens, Miss M. Fletcher (Stroke), Miss Maybe (Cox).
3 rd heat.	(1)	Worcester R.C.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	C.H. Baker, Mrs. A. Baker (Stroke), Miss A. Barnsley (Cox).

As a reminder of the successful season there was a display of 17 trophies won by the Hereford Club at the premises of John Wilson, of Commercial Street, Hereford.

Closing the rowing season was a local regatta on 2nd September, 1920, including four races in which Dr. E.W. Marples O.B.E. acted a judge, Sidney Marchant, H.J. Hammonds and H.P. Barnsley as starters, with H.J. Hammonds (sic) as umpire. Results follow:-

Scratch Fours. (1) O.B. Wallis, J. Edwards, R. Dean, W. Pudsey- Dawson (Stroke), Geoff Hammonds (Cox).

Bury Cup

- (1) C.H. Baker. By 2½ lengths.
- (2) F. Hayter.

Mens Doubles

- (1) O.B. Wallis and C.H. Baker. By two lengths.
- (2) F. Merrick and F. Dean.

Mixed Doubles.

- (1) O. B. Wallis, Miss Pettigrew (Stroke), Miss Stewart (Cox).
- (2) A. Pudsey-Dawson, Miss M. Pudsey-Dawson (Stroke), Miss Pearl Lavason (Cox).

To accompany the Bury Cup Mr. O.B. Wallis presented a gold medal.

At a meeting subsequently it was decided to hold a dinner to commemorate the winning of the West of England Challenge Vase and so a public dinner took place on 10th December when Alderman J.R. Symonds presided. Amongst those present was R.C. Bourne, the stroke of an Oxford crew. During the speeches J.R. Symonds said he was the oldest representative of rowing in Hereford. H.J. Hammonds was proud of the fact that he had been personally connected with the Club for 40 years, first as cox, then as oarsman. In his turn Capt. O.B. Wallis drew attention to the Coxswain, a neglected but important part of the crew. The dinner concluded with several musical items to which many of the Club members contributed.

1921

Occasionally lapses from the serious business of rowing are chronicled. For instance on the 4th February, 1921, there was a sports ball at which many Hereford Rowing Club members acted as officials and participants. Naturally many of the decorations had boating affinities and one feature was a model of the iron bridge with racing boats passing nearby.

Another was the formation of a scratch football team of the Hereford Rowing club which was beaten by the Worcester R.C. Football Club by four goals to nil. The Hereford team was:- Morris, Cater and Baker, A.Wilson, Ovens and A.C. Edwards; C. Baker, G. Ineson, S. Morgan, H.T. Horton and Andrews. Perhaps it is fair to say that the Hereford men had never played together previously, hence there was a lack of combination.

One rule that is or should be essential in a rowing club is that every active member should be a good swimmer. Even this rule may fail if owing to excessive exertion an oarsman is precipitated into the water by an unforeseen accident such as occurred at a race between Hereford Cathedral School and Monmouth on 9th March, 1921. As the boats reached a bend in the river at about half the length of the course, with Monmouth leading a sudden squall filled the Monmouth boat and it sank. Almost immediately afterwards a similar calamity struck the Hereford boat, leaving ten boys swimming to the banks for safety. With assistance from spectators and schoolmasters all landed without mishap, but it was found that one boy, C.H. Sutherland, the head boy of Monmouth School and stroke of its crew was missing. Nobody actually saw what happened to him and at the subsequent inquest it was held that undue fatigue had prevented him swimming to the shore.

This sad tragedy must have had some effect on the Hereford boys, for a week later on 16th March the same Cathedral School crew consisting of T.W. Pennington, F.C. Mullins, H.C. Watkins, W.E. Gascon (Stroke), H.B. Tanner (Cox) was beaten by the Worcester Kings School at Hereford. A second race between two other crews of the same schools resulted in another defeat for the Hereford boys, Powell, Smith, Billingham, Blacksted (Strok), Townley (Cox).

Bowls is commonly regarded as a game for elderly men, so after the number of years that H.J. Hammonds had devoted to the Rowing Club it is not too surprising to learn that early in March, after ending his year as President of the Hereford Bowling Club he was elected as sub-captain.

On 23rd March came the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club, C.H. Lomax presiding. The financial report showed that the Club had commenced the year with a debit balance of £230. 12s. 1d. and ended with a debit balance of £293. 15s. 9d. Subscriptions amounted to £267. 18s. 0d. The Club's assets were valued at £1118 giving the balance of assets over liabilities of £824. 14s. 3d. Officials were elected as follows:-

President. J.S. Arkwright.
 Vice-presidents were re-elected as before with the addition of A.G. Phillips and Capt. R.C. Bourne.
 Captain. H.J. Hammonds.
 Sub-captain. Angus Wilson.
 Secretary. T.H. Matthey. (A.G. Phillips desired to resign as Secretary after 20 years service and was made a life member).

The Club had now 165 members. Amongst other items the subscription was raised from 35/0 to 2 guineas. £50 was voted for a boat for Henley, to which it was proposed to send a crew, and for which O.B. Wallis promised to lend a pair oared boat.

The Regatta proposed for 21st July created great enthusiasm and at a meeting of ladies at the Town Hall on 10th May, when 60 to 70 were present, a sub committee was formed to organise the provision of tea and other refreshments.

At the Evesham Regatta on 16th May there was no Hereford entry for the Senior Fours and as the only crew entered was that of Evesham the race was not run. In the Avon Challenge Vase for Juniors Hereford was beaten by Nottingham, the crew being:- A.Beavan, W. Hill. A.V. Lucas, C. Morrish (Stroke), Geoff Hammonds (Cox). In the Maiden Crew event Hereford beat Worcester in a heat but lost to Stratford in the semi-final. The crew, which had only been together a week consisted of:- B. Shaw, R.A. Painter, H. Stewart, G. Edwards (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox). In the Presidents Prize for Junior Sculls H. Stephens of Hereford beat G.P. Nixon of Gloucester.

Two crews were nominated to go to the Burton Regatta on 11th June. They were:-

Seniors. C.H. Baker, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox).
 Juniors. C. Beavan, A.V. Lucas, W. Hill, G.C. Morrish (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox).

On the way they were held up at Lichfield for four hours owing to a breakdown of the coach and were only able to compete in two of the three events for which they had entered. In the Trent Challenge Vase for Seniors the Hereford crew won its heat against Nottingham, but lost in the final owing to a foul against Burton Leander.

At the Henley regatta on 29th June a Hereford crew was again Unfortunate. Whilst competing for the Wyfold Challenge Cup they beat in the first round a crew from Caius College (Cambridge) by 1 lengths, but in the second round the steering gear broke down and the crew was beaten by Thames R.C. after a determined struggle. The Hereford crew was:- W.E. Bulmer, h. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), O.B. Wallis displayed his team spirit by cancelling his entry for the Diamond Sculls in order to conserve his energies for the Wyfold Cup race.

That this was no mean sacrifice is shown by his gaining for the second year the championship of the Dee at Chester on 9th July.

Those with local knowledge of the Wye near Hereford Rowing Club headquarters may be interested in an application for a licence by the Saracen's Head Inn, close by the Wye Bridge. This was on the grounds that a special occasion would be caused on the day of the Hereford Regatta, when crowds would assemble on the river bank to watch the races and would require refreshment. The license was refused, but another application by the Rowing Club on behalf of the Half Moon Inn of Eign Street was granted since it would be for a tent on the Club grounds, accessible only by authorised spectators and not the general public.

To aid the funds for the forthcoming regatta the ladies of the Club organised a whist drive on 15th July when there were over 120 persons present with the result that £10 was handed over to the Regatta Tea Fund, also organised by the ladies. Two days earlier at a meeting in the Imperial Hotel on 13th July, H.J. Hammonds said he had congratulated by many famous Old Blue oarsmen on having trained the finest provincial crew that had ever rowed the Henley course.

The Hereford Regatta on 21st July was a great success though there was no Senior Fours event. Apart from rowing there were numerous side shows including Open Horse Jumping, Local Jumping, Consolation Jumping, a Children's Pony Class, Apple and Bucket Race, Costume Race, Cigar and Umbrella Race, Musical Chairs and Bending Race, Candle Lighting Competition with one match, Hoop-la, Counting Beans in a Jar, Clock Golf,

Fortune Telling and Aquatic Sports by the Hereford Swimming Club. However as this history is dedicated to rowing, only the rowing results will be given. It must be mentioned that one of the judges was Capt. R.C. Bourne, who on four consecutive occasions stroked the Oxford crew to victory.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maidens, with presentation prize, value 12 guineas.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	H.T. Horton, S.W. Morgan, B. Shaw, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), H. Barnsley (cox),
	(2)	Pengwerne.	
4 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	A.C. Edwards jun., H.F. Stewart, G. Ray, R. White (Stroke), W. Collins (Cox).
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	Crew from first heat.
Final.	(1)	Evesham.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	Winning crew from fourth heat.

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls.

(1)	Worcester.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	C.H. Baker and Mrs. Baker.

Junior Scullls. Prize value 4 guineas.

(1)	H. Stephens.	Hereford R.C.
(2)	C.H. Baker.	Hereford R.C.

Mayors Pair Oars. Prize value 7 guineas.

2 nd heat.	(1)	Worcester.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), H. Barnsley (Cox).
Final.	(1)	Worcester.	
	(2)	Stourport.	

Ladies Plate for Juniors, comprising Hereford Times Challenge Vase with presentation prize value 15 guineas.

(1)	Hereford R.C.	G.C. Beavan, A.V. Lucas, W. Hill, G.C. Morrish (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox). (By two lengths).
(2)	Nottingham R.C.	

Belmont Plate, not under A.R.A. rules.

(1)	Hunderton.
(2)	Military Club.

The ladies scheme of providing teas was also a success, the profit of between £70 and £80 being devoted towards a fund for a new Club house.

The evening concluded with a flannel dance at the St. Martin's Hall.

At the Salford Regatta on 23rd July the Hereford sculling exponents were in great form. O.B. Wakllis beat R.A. Nisbett of Pembroke College in the Senior Sculls, Frank Hayter won the Redland Cup for Maiden Sculls, and H. Stephens won the Junior Sculls, a triple achievement of which any club might well be proud.

No such good fortune awaited the Hereford crews at the Worcester Regatta on 30th July. In the ninth heat for the Severn Challenge Cup and Corporation Plate for Junior Fours they were defeated by Stratford-on-Avon. In the

Jubilee Challenge Vase for Maidens the Worcester College for the Blind beat a Hereford crew consisting of :- B. Shaw,
S.G. Morgan, G. Ovens, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), H.Barnsley (Cox).

Two days later on 1st August at the Ross Regatta the Hereford representatives struggled gamely but came away with only one trophy. Results :-

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase.

3 rd heat. (1)	Stourport.	By half a length.
(2)	Hereford R.C.	B. Shaw, S.G. Morgan, G. Ovens, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), H. Barnsley (Cox).
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	L. Merrick, H.F. Stewart, W. Rea, R.I. White (Stroke), W. Collins (Cox).
(2)	Barry A.R.C.	
11 th heat.(1)	Ross.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	R.I. White's crew.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	C. Beavan, A.V. Lucas, W. Hill, G.C. Morrish (Stroke), G. Hammonds (Cox). (By two lengths).
(2)	Mumbles A.R.C.	
3 rd heat. (1)	Cardiff.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	

Junior Sculls

1 st heat. (1)	H. Stephens.	Hereford R.C.
(2)	F.B. Watts.	Ross.
2 nd heat. (1)	J.E. Farmer.	Ross.
(2)	F. Hayter.	Hereford R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	H. Stephens.	Hereford R.C.
(2)	J.E. Farmer.	Ross.
Final (1)	H. Stephens.	Hereford R.C. On a foul.
(2)	F.M. Grant.	Liverpool.

Ladies and Gents Doubles.

1 st heat. (1)	Worcester.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	N. Slatter, Miss Maud Pudsey Dawson, Miss N. Stewart (Cox).
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	C.H. Baker, Mrs Baker, Miss B. Barnsley (Cox).
(2)	Ross.	
6 th heat. (1)	Ross. Another crew.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	Miss Woosnam's crew.
8 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	Mrs. Baker's crew.
Final. (1)	Worcester.	
(2)	Ross.	

A meeting of the Hereford Regatta Committee on 31st August discussed the financial results and decided to retain part of the proceeds as a nucleus of a Regatta fund and to give the remainder to the Hereford Rowing Club. It was also decided to hold a ball in November and a dinner in December.

The Club rowing season finished in early September with a series of races of which the results follow :_

Bury Challenge Vase.

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| (1) | F. Hayter. | By a half length. |
| (2) | N. Slatter. | |

One Scull Dinghy. Won by G. Hammonds. (Was this his first appearance other than as a cox?).

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| Fours. | (1) | J. R. Dean, N. Slatter, L. Merrick, A. B. Wilson (Stroke). |
| | (2) | H.J. Horton, A. Blackman, S. Andrews, O.B. Wallis (Stroke). |

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| Mixed Doubles. | (1) | C.H. Baker and Mrs. Baker. |
| | (2) | F.A. Blackman and Mrs. James. |

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| Randan. | (1) | H. J. Hammonds, Dawson and West. |
| | (2) | White, Wallis and Smith. |

The evening finished with an informal flannel dance.

On 23rd November there was the Hereford Rowing Club Regatta Ball with the Shire Hall suitably decorated with boating emblems, club badges and a canoe with a red sail, the ladies being responsible for the adornments. Each window bore a pair of crossed sculls with club colours.

A few days later in conjunction with St. Dunstons the Club held a whist drive, resulting in gross receipts of £117, of which £58 was realised by a draw organised by Miss Jeanne Randal. The total expenses amounted to £24 and the balance of £93 was sent by a cheque to St. Dunstons.

The last item of rowing interest in 1921 was a meeting of the Midland Rowing Clubs in Birmingham attended by their respective representatives. It was proposed to request the railway companies for cheaper rates for the conveyance of crews, boats and oars. The chief item, however, was the apportioning of dates for the various regattas in 1922 and the following were allotted.

5 th June.	Evesham	13 th July.	Pengwerne.
10 th June.	Burton.	15 th July.	Gloucester.
17 th June.	Taff & Stratford-on-Avon.	20 th July.	Hereford.
24 th June.	Stourport.	22 nd July.	Barry, Mumbles, Saltford and Nottingham.
29 th June.	York.	29 th July.	Agecropft and Cardiff.
1 st July.	Loughborough (provisional).	5 th August.	Worcester.
8 th July.	Derby.	7 th August.	Ross and Lancaster.
12 th July.	Chester.		

Where tidal times were inconvenient alternative dates were suggested.

1922

During 1922 the Hereford Club had an almost unprecedented run of success as will soon be apparent. But first things first. The Annual General Meeting was held on 3rd March with C.H. Lomax in the chair. There were now 170 members and during 1921 the Club had entered crews in the regattas at Chester, Evesham, Hereford, Ross, Pengwerne, Burton-on-Trent, Worcester, Gloucester and Saltford.

Successes during 1921 had been :- O.B. Wallis, Championship of the Dee; Maiden Sculls at Saltford, F. Hayter; Junior Sculls at Gloucester, Hereford, Ross and Evesham, H. Stephens; Senior and Junior Sculls at Bedford, Junior Vase at Hereford.

The year had started with an adverse balance of £293. 15s. 9d. which was reduced to £232. 2s. 10d. the total receipts had been £605. 19s. 0d., including members subscriptions of £301. 16s. 0d. and the sum of £200 from the regatta. The expenditure was made up of £156 for attendants, £65.7s. 11d. for boats and new oars, £51. 7s. 11d. for repairs and materials, and £48. 14s. 11d. for conveyance of boats.

It was decided to increase the locker rents from 1/6d. to 2/6d.

In order to augment the Club funds a sub-committee was appointed to arrange dances and other forms of money collecting devices. Officers were elected as follows :-

President,	J.S. Arkwright.
Vice-presidents	as before.
Captain,	H.J. Hammonds.
Sub-captains,	Angus Wilson and D. Stephens.
Treasurer,	C.H. Lomax.
Secretary,	T.H. Matthey.

Though the evergreen H.J. Hammonds had been Captain of the Rowing Club for many years it now appears that his activities were not strictly confined to rowing, for on 20th March and for some time later he presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Bowling Club and at other meetings of the same club.

On the 4th April H.J. Hammonds presided at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Rowing Club to consider the report of the special sub-committee on methods of wiping off the adverse financial balance. It was resolved to make a special levy of 5/0d. on all active members during the year, to hold a series of whist drives at the club house during the summer and to approach the Hereford Dramatic society with a view to giving one or two performances.

At another extraordinary meeting of the Rowing Club on 11th April it was decided that each practising four should have a boat reserved for it on Sundays and that a Committee meeting should be held at least once a month. At the end of May arrangements were in hand for the forthcoming Hereford Regatta on the 20th July, a Saturday instead of the former Thursday, it being hoped that more crews would be able to attend at a week end. The secretaries appointed were T.H. Matthey and H.M. Wilson. A Ladies Committee was also formed to deal with the catering arrangements. Admission was to be 2/0d. but tickets could be obtained in advance for 1/6d.

At Hereford on 31st May the Hereford Cathedral School was beaten by Monmouth Grammar School easily, the losing crew being :- E.E. Watkins, N.L. Blaksted, T.W. Pennington, H.C. Watkins (Stroke), H.B. Tanner (Cox).

One success was gained by the Rowing Club at the Evesham Regatta on 5th June, when it won the Market Gardeners Palte by beating Stratford. In the President's Prize for Junior Scullls C.H. Baker won his heat against S. Geary of Evesham, but lost to W.J. Messent of Nottingham. In the Challenge Trophy for Senior Fours Hereford beat Stratford in a preliminary heat but lost in the final to Evesham. In the published results available the Hereford crews were not named, but a few days earlier it was anticipated that they would be constituted thus :- Seniors (as at Henley last year), W.E. Bulmer, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), J. Brumbill (Cox). Maidens, N. Slatter, H.T. Horton, F. Stewart, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), J. Stephens (Cox). Junior Sculls, Frank Hayter and Cyril Baker.

When it came to the Burton Regatta on 10th June it appeared that only two crews had entered for the Senior Fours, so the Hereford crew did not attend.

Stratford Regatta was held on 17th June and was the occasion of a singular incident. In the Kings Trophy Hereford was well in the lead against Gloucester when a steam launch came under the bridge and tried to cross in front of the boats. Just as the judge's pistol went for the in the Hereford boat crashed into it and was badly damaged. Though the boat was smashed right up to the bow seat the bulkhead held and the boat did not sink.

Hereford should have then rowed Stratford in the final but as there was no other boat available and as Hereford had beaten them twice before, the latter scratched chivalrously, leaving Hereford the victors. The crew was :- E.W. Bulmer, H. Stephens, O. B. Wallis, Angus Wilson (Stroke), G. Brumbill (Cox).

At Marlow on 24th June O.B. Wallis was beaten by A.A. Baynes, the Australian (amateur champion of Queensland) in a sculling race by 2 lengths. In the Junior-senior Sculls H. Stephens lost to S.E.J. Hart (Quintin R.C.) and in the Junior Sculls was leading R.J.C. Tweed (Clare College B.C. Cambridge) by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, but was disqualified by touching his opponents sculls.

At York Regatta on the same date F. Hayter lost to L.N. Lee of Derby in the Junior Sculls.

A few more details of the rapidly approaching Hereford Regatta may be interesting to future organisers. In order to provide better views of the diving events the diving stage was to be on the Hunderton side. There were to be both ladies and gents., swimming races, horse jumping, a gymkhana and to finish the day, a flannel dance.

The Gloucester Regatta on 15th July was interesting from the Hereford point of view on account of the results of two of the events.

Junior Sculls.

3 rd heat.	(1)	C. H. Baker.	(Hereford R.C.).
	(2)	E. Blizzard.	(Gloucester).
4 th heat.	(1)	F. Hayter.	(Hereford R.C.).
	(2)	E. Farmer.	(Ross). On a foul.
5 th heat.	(1)	W.E. Taylor.	(Tewkesbury).
	(2)	N. Slatter.	(Hereford R.C.).
2 nd round.	(1)	C.H. Baker.	
	(2)	F. Hayter.	
Semi-final.	(1)	G.W. Power.	(Agecroft).
	(2)	C.H. Baker.	
	(1)	Whiteman.	(Gloucester).
	(2)	T.W. Dekins.	(Ross).

Final won by Whiteman (Gloucester).

At the Hereford regatta on 20th July Hereford had reasonable satisfaction with the efforts of its members, one special victory being that in the Wye Challenge Vase contest, which they won after an interval of 20 years. Altogether the Hereford Rowing Club won three out of six events.

Wye Challenge Vase for Seniors in fine boats for one mile.

After beating Gloucester in a heat the Hereford crew, W.E. Bulmer, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), J.R. Brumbill (Cox), beat Pengwerne.

Ladies Plate for Juniors for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, was won by Worcester who beat Cardiff in the final, Hereford having scratched earlier, its crew being :- N. Slatter, J.H. Dean, H.F. Stewart, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maidens for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Hereford entered two crews. "A". N. Slatter, J.H. Dean, H.F. Stewart, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox). "B". E.J. Hill, A.W. Ridler, T.B. Wheeler, F.C. Hayter (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox). The final result was the victory of the "A" crew over Ross.

Mayors Race for Pair Oars over $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, There was no Hereford R.C. entry.

Junior Sculls over ½ mile.

1 st heat.	(1)	C.H. Baker.	(Hereford R.C.).
	(2)	R.R. Gardner.	(Gloucester).
3 rd heat.	(1)	F.A. Blackman.	(Hereford R.C.).
	(2)	F.M. Grant.	(Liverpool).
5 th heat.	(1)	T. Dekins.	(Ross).
	(2)	F.A. Blackman.	(Hereford R.C.).
Final.	(1)	C.H. Baker	
	(2)	T. Dekins.	It is reported that Dekins rowed most erratically.

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls.

2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	Herbert, Miss B. Woosnam, Miss N. Crisall.
	(2)	Pengwerne.	
3 rd heat.	(1)	Worcester (A).	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	J. Barnes, Miss N. Gore, Miss E. Jones.
4 th heat.	(1)	Worcester (B).	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	F.A. Blackman, Miss Blackman, Miss Detheridge.
5 th heat.	(1)	Worcester (A).	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	Miss Woosnam's crew.
Final	(1)	Worcester (A).	Miss Harrison's crew.
	(2)	Worcester (B).	Mrs. Wyatt's crew.

Belmont Plate. Not under A.R.A. rules.

- (1) Hunderton.
- (2) Eardisley.

Scratch Fours.

- (1) Wither's crew.
- (2) Harrop's crew.

Included in the programme were horse jumping, a gymkhana, high diving and to finish off the day, a dance at the Town Hall.

At the Lancaster Regatta in early August (7/8/22) the Hereford Rowing Club won the County Plate and Challenge Cup by beating Chester Grosvenor.

Crew:- E.W. Bulmer, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), J. Brumbill (Cox).

This Hereford crew had only twice been beaten, once at Evesham in the Vale of Evesham Trophy by the now disbanded Evesham crew; the second time by the Old Salopians under Pengwerne colours, this crew being composed of M.H. Ellis (the 1920 Oxford stroke), J.E. Pedder (1922 Oxford four), Neason and Hodges (both Cambridge sportsmen).

At the Ross Regatta on 7th August, 1922, the Hereford Club lost in three events. The Junior crew was beaten by Derby Derwent, the losers being :- N. Slatter, W.T. Newton, F. Stewart, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox). The H.R.C. Maiden crew beat Coate, Swindon in the first heat but lost in the second heat to Taff.

The Ladies and Gents doubles resulted in a win by Worcester over the H.R.C. pair of N. Slatter and Mrs. Harold Bolt.

The impressive series of successes of the Hereford Rowing Club in 1922 comprised the following:-

West of England Challenge Vase.
Wye Challenge Vase.
Kings Challenge Trophy (at Stratford).
Lancaster County Plate.
Market Gardeners Plate (at Evesham).
Hereford Times Challenge Vase

The trophies were on exhibition on the premises of John Wilson of Hereford and justification for the proposal of a celebration dinner for 27th October.

In the meantime there was an opportunity for running off a contest for the Hereford Club's Bury Challenge Vase, presented by R.E. Bury of Sport "Nautique de Grand", and this was done on 28th September. Owing to a previous flood and consequent damage to boats, a proposed local regatta for this date was abandoned and there were only two entries for the Bury Cup, the winner being N. Slatter who beat F.A. Blackman. Previous winners were barred from entry, so it is as well to recapitulate their names.

1911.	O.B. Wallis.	1912.	H. Stephens.	1913 to 1919	no race
1920.	H. Baker.	1921.	F. Hayter.		

At the Hereford Rowing Club dinner on 27th October, 1922, when Lt. Col. R.H. Symonds-Taylor presided was present an old member of the 1875 crew, E.J. Hatton. In his speech H.J. Hammonds hoped that the traditions of the Hereford Cathedral School would be maintained as far as rowing went at any case. The chairman of the evening had rowed bow in two successive years in the winning Cambridge crew and two of his sons had stroked Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Mr. Hammonds pointed out that the Club had lost five boats as well as damage to six others in the recent flood, a total loss of about £150, but against this a private person had offered two new boats costing about £30 each. A proposal by the chairman of renewing down river trips was made, the obstacle to river flow difficulties to be overcome by the use of motor boats to assist the return.

1923

Occasionally it is as well to note the accomplishments of Rowing Club members in other than rowing spheres. For instance on 22nd February, 1923, Frank Hayter, the sculling expert won the boxing championship of Herefordshire, (though the captions may observe that the A. Blackman, another Rowing Club member was the referee).

The Club's annual report, issued a few days before the Annual General Meeting about the beginning of March, 1923, gives some interesting details. Last years wins included the following:-

West of England Challenge Vase at Saltford.
Wye Challenge Vase.
Kings Challenge Trophy at Stratford.
Lancaster County Plate.
Market Gardeners Plate at Evesham.
Hereford Times Challenge Vase.

The Club had been represented at Evesham, Stratford, Marlow, York, Henley, Pengwerne, Chester, Gloucester, Hereford, Saltford, Worcester and Ross.

It recommended the Hereford Regatta to be held on a Saturday as producing more entries. To ensure the holding of the regatta the river meadow had been purchased at a cost of £800. A draw was proposed to raise funds.

On the night of 17th – 18th October the Wye rose suddenly to the extent of 13 feet, sweeping 11 boats of which four were lost or irretrievably damaged.

Receipts for 1922 were £399. 8s. 3d. including subscriptions of £325 and £50 from the regatta. Expenditure was £695. 4s. 0d. and balance due to the Treasurer was £299. 15s. 9d. Details are given below.

Balance due on 31 st Dec. 1921.	£232.	2s.	10d.
Attendant.	156.	0.	0.
Extra labour.	20.	0.	0.
Repairs and Materials.	32.	10.	6.
New sculls.	31.	14.	10.
Regatta entrance fees.	19.	0.	6.
Conveyance of boats.	43.	15.	8.
Purchase deposit for regatta ground.	75.	0.	0.
Balance assets over liabilities.	199.	4.	3.

Assets.

Site of boat house at cost.	£150.	0s.	0d.
Clubhouse premises.	350.	0.	0.
Stock of boats and rafts.	406.	0.	0.
Stock of oars, sculls and materials.	93.	0.	0.

Outstanding subscriptions were £45.

At the subsequent Annual General Meeting C.H. Lomax was in the chair. H.J. Hammonds complained of the poor turnout of members at the celebration dinner. Whereas Hereford with a resounding chain of victories could muster no more than 10 members, Birmingham with a far less impressive record had almost a complete set of members present at their dinner. He said that the majority of members were out to get as much as possible from the Club and at the same time did as little as possible in return. He must have been in a somewhat bitter mood, for when he was re-elected as Captain he said he hoped that if the Club degenerated into a boating club, somebody would light a match to it and let it go up in the air. The other officers elected were J.S. Arkwright as President; the existing Vice-presidents to include the addition of P. Hinton-Vaughan; Sub-captains, H. Stephens and V.H. Jarvis; Treasurer, C.H. Lomax; Secretary, T.H. Matthey.

Few details are available of the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 17th March, 1923. The Old Boys beat the School by half a length. "Cambridge" beat "Oxford". "Red" beat "yellows" in the Juniors. The Day Boys beat the Boarders.

At the public meeting in the Town Hall on 16th May, with the Mayor, J.C. Vaughan presiding it was decided to hold a regatta on Saturday, 28th July, and it was also suggested to form committees of ladies to take care of the refreshment and other departments.

Though rowing well at Evesham Regatta on 21st May, the Hereford Club had to be satisfied with only one success. In the President's Prize for sculls F. Hayter of Hereford was beaten by R. Gardiner of Gloucester.

The Avon challenge Vase contest for Junior fours over a ¾ mile course.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	N. Slatter, H. Smith, H.F. Stewart, S. Andrews (Stroke).
(2)	Ross R.C.	
12 th heat.(1)	Taff.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	
Final. (1)	Loughborough.	
(2)	Evesham.	

Vale of Evesham Challenge Trophy for Senior Fours over a one mile course.

Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	W.E. Bulmer, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke).
(2)	Evesham.	

At Monmouth on 23rd May the Hereford Cathedral School was beaten by Monmouth Grammar School by the narrow margin of two feet, the losing crew being:- G. Hammonds, T.L. Shaw, J.L. Whitley, D.E. Greenland (Stroke), J.M. Hall (Cox).

Some decisions were made at a meeting on 4th July regarding the forthcoming regatta on 28th July. The secretaries were to be G.H. Neale and Cyril Baker. There was to be no horse jumping, but a motor cycle gymkhana instead. Swimming sports were to be included. A ladies committee was appointed for light refreshments and the Hereford and Tredegar Brewery had arranged to hand over any profits from their sales.

There was a regatta at Gloucester on 7th July, but no Hereford names appear.

Another regatta, this time on 14th July at Cardiff produced a win for a Hereford crew in the Challenge Cup for Juniors.

1 st heat. (Cox).	(1)	Hereford R.C.	N. Slatter, H. Smith, H. Stewart, S. Andrews (Stroke), R. Stephens
	(2)	Penarth.	
2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	
	(2)	Taff "B".	
Final.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	
	(2)	Taff "A".	

Again on 14th July there was a regatta at Nottingham, where in the Gold Vase for Seniors Hereford were beaten in their heat on a foul by Derwent, who went on to win the Vase. The Hereford crew was:- W.E. Bulmer, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A. Wilson (Stroke), J. Brumhill (Cox).

Shrewsbury held its regatta on 19th July and the Hereford /Rowing Club won the Pengwerne Ladies Challenge Cup for Maidens, over a ¼ mile course.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	W.T. Newton, S.N. Morgan, T.B. Wheeler, A.W. Ridler (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox).
	(2)	Pengwerne.	
2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	
	(2)	Ironbridge.	
Final.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	
	(2)	Derby Derwent.	

The Hereford Regatta took place on 28th July, 1923, with the following results.

West of England Challenge Vase.

3 rd heat.	(1)	Derwent.	(By three lengths).
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	W.E. Bulmer, H. Stephens, O.B. Wallis, A.B. Wilson (Stroke), J. Brumbill (Cox).
Final.	(1)	Derwent.	
	(2)	Ross.	

Wye Challenge Vase.

1 st heat.	(1)	Ross "A".	
	(2)	Hereford R.C. "B".	W.T. Newton, S.N. Morgan, T.B. Wheeler, A.W. Ridler (Stroke), J.R. Stephens (Cox).
2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C. "A".	N. Slatter, H. Smith, H. F. Stewart, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), J.R. Stephens (Cox).
	(2)	Ross "B".	
Final.	(1)	Ross "A".	
	(2)	Hereford R.C. "A".	

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours. 12 crews competed.

5 th heat.	(1)	Ross "B".	
	(2)	Hereford R.C. "B".	J. Herbert, G. Butcher, J.E. Robinson, J.R. Cole (Stroke), A.N. Other (Cox).
6 th heat.	(1)	Stourport "A".	
	(2)	Hereford R.C. "A".	C.J. Hill, S. Morgan, H.T. Horton, F. Hayter (Stroke), A.N. Other (Cox).
Final.	(1)	Stourport.	
	(2)	Worcester.	

Mayor's Pair Oars. There was no Hereford entry.

Ladies and Gents Doubles.

1 st heat.	(1)	Worcester "A".	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	A. Lucas, Miss Woosnam, A.N. Other.
2 nd heat.	(1)	Worcester "B".	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	J.E. Rayner, Miss Harrison, Miss Lamb.
3 rd heat.	(1)	Worcester "C".	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	J.A. Herbert, Mrs. Chant, Miss Cressall.
Final.	(1)	Worcester "A".	
	(2)	Worcester "B".	

Belmont Plate, for which seven crews competed.

(1)	Eardisley.
(2)	Hunderton "A".

In between the races there were numerous competitions ad side shows, musical chairs, a motorcycle football match, ladies balloon race, water derby, tub race, Cinderella race, costume race, bun and lemonade race, a diving exhibition and finally rod and man fishing.

Worcester Regatta on 4th August brought no trophies to Hereford. In the Severn Challenge Vase for Junior Fours they lost to Ross in the first heat.

Two days later at the Ross Regatta on 6th August several Hereford crews put in an appearance with varied success.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior fours.

4 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C. "A".	N. Slatter, H. Smith, H.F. Stephens, S. Andrews (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox).
	(2)	Worcester.	
6 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C. "B".	W.T. Newton, S.N. Morgan, T.B. Wheeler, A.W. Ridler (Stroke),J. Brumhill (Cox).
	(2)	Barry A.R.C.	
10 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C. "B".	
	(2)	Derby.	
11 th heat.	(1)	Ross "B".	
	(2)	Hereford R.C. "B".	

13th heat. This was run twice. The first time Ross "A" beat Hereford "A" by a foot, but it was found that one of the Hereford oars was broken so the heat was re-run resulting in a win by Hereford "A" by a length. In the final Hereford "A" beat Ross "B" and so won the Vase

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pairs in sliding seat clinkers, boats provided.

4th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. A.B. Wilson, H. Stephens (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox).
(2) Agecroft.
6th heat. (1) Evesham.
(2) Hereford R.C.
Final. (1) Bedford.
(2) Gloucester.

Mixed Sculls.

2nd heat. (1) (Hereford. M. Underhill, Miss E.L. Faikner and Miss Mellis scratched to Ross.)

The final was won by Worcester.

Gents Fours.

(1) O.B. Wallis, N. Slatter, H. Stewart, H. Smith.
(2) Watkins, A. B. Wilson, W.E. Bulmer, S.C. Andrews.

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls.

(1) H. Smith, Miss Woosnam.
(2) Watkins and Miss Dawson.

Gents Double Sculls.

(1) H. Smith and N. Slatter.
(2) Stephens and Watkins.

Ladies single scull dinghy.

(1) Miss Dawson.

Gents single scull dinghy.

(1) G. Hammonds.

Treble Sculls

(1) H. Smith, H. Stephens, G. Hammonds.
(2) O.B. Wallis, H. Stewart, Watkins.

1924

Some interesting items emerge from the account of the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing club held on 4th March, 1924, with H.J. Hammonds in the chair. The Club had been represented in 1923 at various regattas as follows:- Seniors, Evesham (Vale of Evesham Challenge Cup); Nottingham; Hereford. Juniors at Worcester, Evesham, Stourport, Cardiff, Shrewsbury, Derby, Hereford, Ross. Maidens at Evesham, Shrewsbury (Shrewsbury Challenge Vase), Hereford, Ross. Sculls at Chester, Coate, Evesham, York, Hereford, Ross.

The balance due to the Treasurer was £338. 7s. 11d. as against £299. 15s. 9d. the previous year. The balance of assets over liabilities was £847. 12s. 1d.

The date of the 1924 regatta was proposed for Saturday, 5th July. To assist the Ross Rowing Club to form a senior crew one of the old Hereford Senior boats was presented to them.

In spite of his protests that he would not “pedal” along the river banks as well as in previous years H. J. Hammonds was re-elected as Club Captain as were also last years Sub-captains and Secretary, the Treasurer being F. Wheeldon. The Committee was re-elected with the addition of H. Smith and Mr. Neale. Caps were to be awarded to members of the Senior and Junior crews.

Wording was added to clause 4 of the Club rules. “And if either instalment is in arrears for one month from the date on which the same is due, the name of the member in arrears shall be posted in the club as a defaulter, and after six months he shall cease to be a member of the club.” Rule 5 was deleted.

At the end of February a Sports Ball was held at the Town Hall in conjunction with other athletic clubs and the Rowing Club provided suitable decorations of rowing interest.

Rowing enthusiasts may have remarked on the frequency with which men who have made their mark in rowing circles have, in later years become equally successful in other departments of life. Thus it is with great pleasure that it is recorded in early June, 1924, that Captain Bourne was elected as Member of Parliament for Oxford.

On 9th June at Northwich (Cheshire Regatta the Senior Sculls race was won by O.B. Wallis who beat E. Varley of John O’Gaunt, Lancaster, in the first heat, and Nicholls of the Royal Chester R.C. in the final.

After two postponements the match between the Monmouth Grammar School and Hereford Cathedral School took place on 11th June and resulted in a defeat for the Hereford boys on their own course, the crew being:- P. Duncan, H.W. Thompson, F. Goodall, G. Hammonds (Stroke), J.M. Hall (Cox). The careful reader will note the promotion of G. Hammonds from cox to stroke. Also it should be noted that his father, the evergreen H.J. Hammonds acted as starter in this race.

About this time a somewhat puzzling short paragraph appeared in a local paper to the effect that the Hereford Rowing Club was to go to Worcester on the 14th June to row against the Kings College. No report of the race seems to have been published. Was it the Hereford Cathedral School that was intended to go and not the Hereford Rowing Club? Or was there a full scale regatta that failed to be reported?

At any rate the Hereford Rowing Club did send representatives to the evesham Regatta in early June with the following results:-

Maiden Fours.

1 st heat	(1)	Trent R.C.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	J. Hill, G. Rogers, G. Everard, W. Edwards (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox).
Final.	(1)	Royal Chester.	
	(2)	Trent R.C.	

Junior Fours.

	(1)	Stratford.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	S.N. Morgan, E. Brett, T.B. Wheeler, R. Ridler (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox).

Senior Fours.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	N.W. Slatter, F.H. Smith, H. Stephens, S.C. Andrews (Stroke), J. Brumbill (Cox).
	(2)	Worcester.	

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| Final. | (1) | Evesham. |
| | (2) | Hereford R.C. |

An interesting feature in this regatta was that J.A. Hammonds, the son of H.J. Hammonds (of Hereford rowing Club), stroked the Worcester crew that was beaten in the Maiden Fours by the Royal Chester crew.

The Hereford Regatta for 1924 came very nearly to abandonment owing to the difficulty of finding persons willing to act as secretaries, but at a meeting on 25th June volunteers were forthcoming in names of F.A. Blackmon, T. Shaw and S.N. Morgan, the final date being Thursday, 7th August.

Fired with ambition O.B. Wallis entered for the Diamond Sculls at Henley and after beating H.O.C. Beret (Third Trinity, Cambridge), on 3rd July in the sixth heat, he was beaten in the eighth heat by K.N. Craig (Pembroke College) who in turn was beaten in the final by J. Beresford (Thames R.C.).

O.B. Wallis again was a challenger at the Chester Regatta on 12th July but was beaten by B. Pearson (Grosvenor) for the Championship of the Dee. At the same regatta A. Blackman was leading the Junior-senior Sculls when he was caught in a side current and capsized, having to swim to the bank and thus losing the race.

On the same day, 12th July, at Gloucester Regatta, N. Slatter (Hereford R.C.) was defeated in the final of Maiden Sculls by S.E. Parsons of Ross, after beating H.W. Webb of Gloucester in a preliminary heat.

Bank Holiday, 4th August, was the day of the Ross Regatta. Results:-

Junior Sculls.

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| 1 st heat. | (1) | S.E. Parsons (Ross). |
| | (2) | N.W. Slatter (Hereford R.C.). |
| Final. | (1) | L. Jones (Ross). |
| | (2) | W.H. Franklin (Gloucester). |

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

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| 1 st heat. | (1) | Hereford R.C. | E.J. Hill, G. Rogers, G.C. Everard, W.R. Edwards (Stroke),
R. Stephens (Cox). |
| | (2) | Stourport R.C. | |
| 5 th heat. | (1) | Hereford R.C. | |
| | (2) | Bristol Ariel. | |
| 9 th heat. | (1) | Hereford R.C. | |
| | (2) | Evesham. | |
| Final. | (1) | Birmingham. | |
| | (2) | Hereford R.C. | |

Junior Fours.

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| (1) | Worcester. | |
| (2) | Hereford R.C. | S.N. Morgan, E.W. Brett, T.B. Wheeler, F.R. Dean (Stroke),
R. Stephens (Cox). |

The 1924 Hereford Regatta was held on 7th August and the results follow:-

Wye Challenge Vase for Senior Fours.

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| 1 st heat. | (1) | Worcester, by 2½ lengths. |
| | (2) | Hereford R.C. N. Slatter, H. Smith, H. Stephens, S.C. Andrews (Stroke),
J. Brumbill (Cox). |

- Final. (1) Worcester.
 (2) Ross.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

- Final. (1) Hereford R.C. by 1½ lengths. E.J. Hill, G. Rogers, G.C. Everard, W.R. Edwards
 (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox).
 (2) Pengwerne.

Maiden Sculls.

- 1st heat. (1) N.W. Slatter, Hereford R.C.
 (2) F.L. Delman, Worcester.

- 6th heat. (1) N.W. Slatter,
 (2) T. Martin, Agecroft.

- 10th heat. (1) W.H. Franklin, Gloucester.
 (2) N.W. Slatter.

- Final. (1) E. Higgins, Gloucester.
 (2) W.H. Franklin, Gloucester. (According to another report, Franklin was the winner
 of the final, no second being mentioned by name.)

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls.

- 5th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. H. Smith and Miss Woosnam.
 (2) Worcester.

- Final (1) Pengwerne.
 (2) Hereford R.C.

Mayors Pair Oars. There was no Hereford entry.

- (1) Pengwerne.
 (2) Birmingham.

Ladies Plate for Juniors.

- (1) Bristol Ariel.
 (2) Hereford R.C. S.N. Morgan, E.W. Brett, T.B. Wheeler, J.R. Dean (Stroke),
 R. Stephens (Cox).

Belmont Plate.

- (1) Hunderton "A".
 (2) Hunderton "B".

In addition to the rowing events the proceedings were varied by numerous other events including High Diving, a Motor Cycle Gymkhana, Football Match, Hidden Treasure, Hoop-la, Lucky Dip, Coconut Shy, Lucky Bowl, an aeroplane, Pony Riding, Tradesman's Turn Out, Riding the Plank, Spearing the potato, Musical Chairs, Blindfold Starting, Blindfold Balloon Bursting, And a Bun and Cigarette race. As if this was not enough there followed in the evening a flannel dance at the Town Hall, where 280 attended, besides many others who were turned away at the doors.

During the week ending 27th September, 1924, there was a local Hereford Rowing Club Regatta, but though photographs appeared in the local press, there seems to have been no detailed report.

The Committee, led by W.E. Bulmer, was represented at the Annual General Meeting of the Provincial Rowing Clubs at Birmingham on 6th December, 1924, when the following regatta dates were arranged:-

1 st June.	Evesham.	11 th July.	Cardiff and Chester.
13 th June.	Burton And Coate.	18 th July.	Salford and Derby or Nottingham.
20 th June.	Stratford.	23 rd July.	Shrewsbury.
27 th June.	Stourport and Taff.	25 th July.	Hereford, Agecroft (Bedford).
4 th July.	Tewkesbury and Barry.	1 st August.	Worcester.
9 th July.	Bridgnorth.	3 rd August.	Ross.

The last recorded item for 1924 is a sad one, the death on the 25th November, at the age of 74, of Alderman J.R. Symonds, well known in many circles. In his time he had been Captain of the Rowing Club and its stroke. Apart from his legal activities he was of a musical turn of mind, playing the cello a member of the Hereford Orchestral Society. He enjoyed yachting on the Clyde on his holidays, and was proficient at shooting and tennis.

1925

In common with many rivers whose source is in a mountainous district the Wye is subject to severe floods, especially after heavy falls of snow in the upper reaches, so it is not surprising that there were extensive floods in early January, 1925 and it was in somewhat light hearted fashion that the Hereford Club members ventured to row over the fields and hedges between the boat house and the railway bridge.

A more serious attitude to rowing was shown later in the month when Dr. G.C. Bourne and his son Capt. R.C. Bourne, the latter the MP for Oxford, took in hand the training of crews for the annual Oxford versus Cambridge rowing contest. Capt. Bourne will be remembered as an old Hereford rowing man who for four successive years stroked the Oxford crew to victory between 1909 and 1912.

Another reminder of the versatility of rowing men in other sports is the presiding of H.J. Hammonds at a meeting of the Bowling Green Club on 10th February. It is less well known that he was also interested in local football.

Later, on 6th March, Mr. Hammonds presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club when much of interest was disclosed. The report of the last years events showed that the Senior crew was represented at Evesham (lost in the final), and Hereford. The Junior crew appeared at Evesham, Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Ross and Hereford, losing in the final at Ross to Birmingham but winning at Hereford. Of the Senior Sculls O.B. Wallis won at Norwich and Bedford; won a heat at Henley in the Diamond Sculls, but lost in the semi-final; won a heat at Chester but lost in the final. F.A. Blackmon was a competitor in the Junior Sculls at Chester. The Maiden Sculls were represented by N.W. Slatter at Gloucester (lost in the final), at Hereford with a similar result, at Shrewsbury and Ross.

Designs had been made for Senior and Junior caps and these could now be obtained. To avoid later purchase the designs had been such that Junior caps could readily be converted into Senior Caps.

When it came to the election of officers, H.J. Hammonds announced that with regret he could not undertake to continue as Captain. He had been associated along with Col. Symonds-Tayler since about 1887 and had been Captain for over 22 years. J.S. Arkwright was re-elected as President with H.J. Hammonds and S. Marchant as Vice-presidents in place of the late J.R. Symonds and the late E.G. Davies. The new Captain was to be J.B. Wallis, who mentioned that he had been rowing for 18 years and proposed that H.J. Hammonds should become a life member. This was carried unanimously.

Sub-captains:- V.R. Jarvis and W.E. Bulmer.
 Treasurer:- F. Wheeler.
 Auditor:- A.T. Winter.
 Secretary:- T.H. Matthey.

The following were re-elected on the Committee:- D.W. Harris, S.J. Marchant, J. Moore, H. Hammonds.

Early in April it was proposed to make a presentation to H.J. Hammonds as a recognition of his services to the Club, subscriptions not to exceed one guineas and the list to close on 30th April.

On 21st April a meeting presided over by the Mayor, W.G.C. Britten was called to make preliminary arrangements for a Regatta to be held on Saturday, 25th July. Mrs. Maund was deputed to manage the "Ladies Department".

Though having no apparent connection with rowing the following item of news may be interesting as once more showing the versatility of Hereford Rowing Club members. Frank Hayter, on Franchistone, Hampton Bishop, Hereford, after spending three months in Abyssinia, collected 90 baboons, a leopard and a hyena for the London Zoo, and arrived in London on 14th May. Apart from his prowess at he had gained the boxing championship of Hereford shire on 22nd February, 1923.

Early in June, 1925, the Hereford Cathedral crew ran two races. One against the Worcester College for the Blind resulted in a win by three lengths, the other on the 6th June was lost to Worcester Kings School at Hereford by 2½ lengths. The crew in both races was composed of :- G. Parkes, E.W. Bishop, C. Seeley, J.H.B. Duncan (Stroke), J.S. Chard (Cox).

In its search for financial aid the Hereford Rowing Club held a whist drive on 22nd June, with less satisfactory results than anticipated.

Of the Tewkesbury Regatta on 4th July only one fragmentary item has been recorded, namely that the Hereford Senior crew was beaten by Worcester by six feet.

In the Cardiff Regatta on 11th July the Hereford Junior crew beat Taff R.C. in the semi-final over a seven furlong course, but in the final lost to Worcester, the crew being:- E.J. Hill, F.A Blackmon, G.C. Everard, W.R. Edwards (Stroke).

The Junior –Senior heats were as follows:-

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	S.C. Andrews, H.F. Stewart, C.H. Geake, E. Parsons (Stroke), J. Brumbill (Cox).
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	
(2)	Bristol Redcliff.	
Final. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	

A long awaited victory attended the entry of the Hereford Senior crew at Saltford Regatta on 18th July. In the first heat for the Bath City Challenge Vase Hereford beat Redcliff by 1½ lengths and in the final beat Evesham. The Vase was last brought to Hereford by a crew that included T.H. Owens, the father of F.H. Owens, one of the 1925c crew which was W.E. Bulmer, F.H. Smith, F.h. Owens, O.B. Wallis (stroke), J. Brumbill (Cox).

In the Shrewsbury Regatta on 23rd July two Hereford Senior crews entered with results as shown below.

West of England Challenge Vase.

1 st heat. (1)	Sabrina.	
(2)	Hereford "A".	(As at Saltford above).
2 nd heat. (1)	Pengwerne.	
(2)	Hereford "B".	S.C. Andrews, F.H. Steward, C.H. Geake, S.E. Parsons (Stroke), J.F.W. Jarvis (Cox).

Shrewsbury Plate.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham Britannia, by two feet.
(2)	Hereford "B". (As above).

Two crews, Sabrina and Royal Chester scratched in their heats leaving Hereford "A" free for the final. However, Hereford "A" sportingly agreed to take the Nottingham crew against Pengwerne and won by one length. In the final Hereford "A" was beaten by Nottingham Britannia by a length.

Although long descriptive accounts of the various local and district regattas are available for those interested in detailed research it is only practicable in a history of this description to give the results of the actual races and any unusual incident happening during the regatta. Thus only the results of the Hereford Regatta of 25th July, 1925 will be given.

Wye Challenge Vase for Seniors. 1 mile course.

1 st heat.	(1)	Worcester.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	W.E. Bulmer, F.H. Smith, H.F. Owens, O. Wallis (Stroke), J. Brumbill (Cox).
2 nd heat.	(1)	Pengwerne.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	S.C. Andrews, H.F. Stewart, T.B. Wheeler, S.E. Parsons (Stroke), R. Stephens (Cox).
Final.	(1)	Worcester.	
	(2)	Pengwerne.	

Ladies Plate, comprising the Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Juniors. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile course.

1 st heat.	(1)	Pengwerne.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	E.J. Hill, F. Hayter, G.C. Everard, W.R. Edwards (Stroke), J.F.W. Jarvis (Cox).
Final.	(1)	Gloucester.	
	(2)	Worcester.	

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maidens. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile course.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	C. Jefferson, A.M. Underhill, A.T. Merrick, S.R.C. Thomas (Stroke), F.W. Jarvis.
	(2)	Cardiff.	
Semi-final.	(1)	Evesham, by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	
Final.	(1)	Ross.	
	(2)	Evesham.	

Mayor's Pair Oar. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile course. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Ladies and Gents double Sculls. Distance under 150 yards.

2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	H. Stephens, Miss M. Dawson (Stroke).
	(2)	Worcester "A".	
Final.	(1)	Worcester "B", by one foot.	
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	

Maiden Sculls. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile course.

4 th heat.	(1)	N. Slatter, Hereford R.C. by $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.	
	(2)	J. Hall, Worcester.	
Semi-final.	(1)	N. Slatter.	
	(2)	H.G. Williams, Taff.	
Final.	(1)	N. Slatter.	
	(2)	E. Preece, Ross.	

Belmont Plate.

- (1) Hunderton.
- (2) Greyhound Dog.

Scratch Fours.

- (1) Barber, Hall (Worcester), Maund (Worcester), Parsons (Hereford R.C.).

As in past years there were numerous side attractions such as High Diving, Swimming Display by Dare Devil Peggy, a one legged diver, a Motorcycle Gymkhana, Wrestling Exhibition and the usual incidental music. A very pleasant feature was the presentation of a silver tray and tea set to H.J. Hammonds as a recognition of his services to the Hereford Rowing Club. Finally the day closed with a dance at the Town Hall, where 300 persons were present.

Hereford featured in two items at the worcester Regatta on 1st August, with no success, the results being :-

Speckley Senior Vase.

- 2nd heat. (1) Nottingham.
- (2) Hereford R.C. C.H. Geake, F.H. Smith, F.H. Owens, O.B. Wallis (Stroke), R.J. Brumbill (Cox).

Double Sculls, Mixed.

- Final. (1) Worcester.
- (2) Hereford R.C. H. Stephens, Miss M. Dawson (Stroke), Miss Crissall (Cox).

The 3rd August, 1925, saw the customary Ross Regatta, with results so far as Hereford R.C. is concerned as follows:-

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

- 7th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. C. Jefferson, A.M. Underhill, A.T. Merrick, S.R.C. Thomas (Stroke), J.F.W. Jarvis (Cox).
- (2) Barry.
- 12th heat.(1) Hereford R.C.
- (2) Wallasey Grammar School.
- 14th heat.(1) Hereford R.C.
- (2) Pengwerne. (B. Coble's crew).
- Final. (1) Pengwerne (F. Morris' crew).
- (2) Hereford R.C.

Junior Sculls. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Cutler challenge Vase. Pair Oars.

- 1st heat. (1) Hereford R.C. C.H. Geake, O.B. Wallis (Stroke), J.W.F. Jarvis (Cox).
- (2) Trent.
- 5th heat. (1) Taff.
- (2) Hereford R.C. S.C. Andrews, F.H. Owens (Stroke), R.J. Brumbill (Cox).
- 9th heat. (1) Cardiff.
- (2) Hereford R.C. (O.B. Wallis' crew)

Final. (1) Ross.
(2) Derwent.

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls.

2nd heat. (1) Hereford R.C. H. Stephens, Miss M. Dawson (Stroke), Miss Crissall (Cox).
(2) Ross.

5th heat (1) Hereford R.C.
(2) Taff.

Final. (1) Hereford R.C. by ½ length.
(2) Worcester.

So far as 1925 is concerned the Hereford Rowing Club season ended with its annual Club Regatta on 10th September, after being postponed from the 3rd and the intended dance postponed indefinitely. Results:-

Bury Cup.

Won by S. Parsons after beating S.C. Andrews in the final, previously having beaten C. Jefferson and A.M. Underhill. To reach the final S.C. Andrews had beaten S.R.C. Thomas.

Scratch Pairs.

1st heat. (1) S.C. Andrews and N.W. Slatter
(2) F.H. Stewart and A.M. Underhill.

2nd heat. (1) F. Owens and N.W. Slatter.
(2) S.R.C. Thomas and C. Jefferson.

Final. (1) F. Owens and F.A. Blackmon.
(2) S.C. Andrews and F.H. Stewart.

Mixed Doubles.

1st heat. (1) N.W. Slatter and Miss Brumbill.
(2) A.M. Underhill and Mrs. Welsh.

Final. (1) C.K. Baker and Miss P. Turnbull.
(2) N.W. Slatter and Miss Brumbill.

Scratch Double Sculls.

1st heat. (1) O.B. Wallis and N.W. Slatter.
(2) Warren and S. Parsons.

Final. (1) O.B. Wallis and N.W. Slatter.
(2) S.R.C. Thomas and A.M. Underhill, who scratched.

Scratch Fours.

1st heat. (1) S.R.C. Thomas, F.H. Stewart, C.J. Baker, A.M. Underhill.
(2) C. Jefferson, S. Parsons, N.W. Slatter, S.C. Andrews.

Final. (1) S.R.C. Thomas, F.H. Stewart, C.J. Baker, A.M. Underhill.
(2) F. Owens, O.B. Wallis, F.A. Blackmon, S.C. Andrews.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 26th February, 1926, The Chairman O.B. Wallis, expressed alarm at the financial situation, pointing out the annual increase of the balance due to the Treasurer thus in 1921 the balance was £232. 2s. 10d.; in 1922, £299. 15s. 9d.; in 1923, £338. 7s. 0d.; in 1924, £414. 1s. 4d.; and in 1925, £491. 9s. 8d. The balance of assets over liabilities had decreased from £867. 17s. 2d. to £556. 10s. 4d. On the other hand, from a rowing point of view things had improved, there being two senior crews available, which he had never remembered in the 18 years of his experience. The present difficulty was that of finding sufficient boats for eligible crews.

A number of suggestions were discussed with the object of improving finances, amongst them one that crews be asked to pay for the carriage of their boats to regattas. Four new rules were adopted:-

“That wives, daughters and sons of ages 14 to 16 of members shall be allowed to use the Club’s pleasure boats without the presence of members upon payment by each member of an annual subscription of 10/6d.”

“That a new member elected to membership of the Club on and after the 1st July of any year shall not be required to pay the April instalment of that year.”

“That any member keeping a private pleasure boat on the Club premises shall pay keelage at the rate of 10/0 per year unless he shall sign and abide by an undertaking not to use any pleasure boat belonging to the Club.”

“That the President and Vice-presidents shall be exempt from the payment of subscriptions, but that all other officers of the Club shall pay at the same rate as private members.”

The following officers were elected:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright.
Vice-presidents,	en bloc with the addition of Samuel Roberts M.P.
Captain,	H.H. Bulmer in place of O.B. Wallis.
Sub-captains,	V.R. Jarvis and H. Smith.
Treasurer,	M. Wheeldon.
Sub-treasurer,	A. Winter.
Hon. Secretary,	Captain Geake.
Committee,	F.A. Blackmon, O.B. Wallis, S. Andrews, T.H. Matthey.

If the reader turns back to 1896 and 1897 he will find the name Croft repeatedly, but not always referring to the same individual. It is interesting therefore to note that in early March, 1926, Sir James Croft was awarded his Oxford blue as coxswain in the approaching race against Cambridge. He was only 19 years old and had been up at Oxford for only six weeks. He had steered for Eton at Henley. Other Herefordians awarded blues were R.H. Symonds-Taylor for Cambridge and R.C. Bourne who was stroke of the winning Oxford crew for four successive years.

Two favourite methods of raising funds for sporting or charitable organisations are the dance and whist drives. One of the former was held on 30th April on behalf of the Rowing Club and what was possibly an added attraction was an extension of the licence for the City and County Dining Rooms until 1.00 a.m.

On 1st May, 1926 a meeting was held, preside over by E.F. Bulmer, the Mayor of Hereford, in order to make preliminary arrangements for a regatta.. it was pointed out that a Saturday would be most popular; of the provincial rowing clubs 21 were held on Saturday and only three on Thursdays, chiefly owing to the greater facility of travelling of the crews. The 3rd of July was, therefore, decided upon. Appealing for support and funds, the Mayor gave a subscription of £10 as a start. O.H. Neale and Captain C.H. Geake were appointed as secretaries. A Ladies committee was to be formed by the Mayoress to see to the refreshments and stalls, a vote of thanks being accorded to the last year’s committee.

An attempt was made to obtain a subscription towards the regatta from the Hereford Chamber of Commerce, but at a meeting of the latter it was decided not to make a contribution in the name of the chamber but for each member to make his own contribution, the result being highly satisfactory.

At Hereford on 5th June the Hereford Cathedral School beat the Monmouth Grammar School by four lengths, the winning crew being:- T.G.E. Price, C.H. Neane, W.H. Heathcote, G.H. Parkews (Stroke and Captain), J.W.S. Chard (Cox).

The same Hereford Cathedral School crew also beat Worcester Cathedral Kings School at Worcester on 9th June by three lengths.

Another attempt at raising funds was made on 21st June when a whist drive in aid of the rowing club was held at Trinity House, Hereford by permission of Mrs. Maund.

A club does not always benefit by the outside activities of its members, for during a motor cycle trial organised by the Western Centre of the A.C.U. , Norman Slatter was injured and so was prevented from competing in the Club regatta which took place on the 3rd July.

The Hereford Regatta duly was held and an unfortunate feature was the charge of 6d. for spectators on the south bank of the river, resentment being created on account of its being a public right of way. However, the regatta went through its list of events.

That the Wye was popular as a venue for regattas is shown by the imposing list of entrants. They came from Worcester, Gloucester, Mumbles, Clifton, Stratford, Evesham, Pengwerne (Shrewsbury), Bridgnorth, Cardiff, Birmingham, Ross, Stourport, Taff, Coate and of course Hereford. Results:-

Wye Challenge Vase for Seniors.

1 st heat.	(1)	Gloucester.	
	(2)	Worcester.	
2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	G.H. Geake, F.H. Smith, S.C. Andrews, W.E. Bulmer (Stroke), J.F.W. Jarvis (Cox).
	(2)	Mumbles.	
Final.	(1)	Gloucester.	By 2½ lengths
	(2)	Hereford R.C.	

Ladies Plate incorporating the Hereford Times Vase for Juniors.

1 st heat.	(1)	Clifton	(2)	Worcester.
2 nd heat.	(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Mumbles.
3 rd heat.	(1)	Pengwerne 'A'	(2)	Bridgnorth.
4 th heat.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Gloucester.
5 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Cardiff.
6 th heat.	(1)	Pengwerne 'B'	(2)	Birmingham.
7 th heat.	(1)	Clifton	(2)	Stratford.
8 th heat.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Pengwerne 'A'
9 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Pengwerne 'B'
10 th heat.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Clifton.
Final.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Hereford R.C., the crew being; R.Symes, T. Merrick,
				L.S. Vail, C. Jefferson (Stroke), W.A. Goodall (Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Worcester College for the Blind.
2 nd heat.	(1)	Clifton. (a bye).		
3 rd heat.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Ross.
4 th heat.	(1)	Stourport.	(2)	Birmingham.
5 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Clifton.
6 th heat.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Stourport.
Final.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Hereford R.C.,

the crew being; A.M. Underhill, S.R.G. Thomas, F.M. Green, E.H. Ferris (Stroke), F.T. Nicholls (Cox).

The Mayor's Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Birmingham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Taff.	(2)	Ross.
3 rd heat. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Ross 'A' .
Final (1)	Taff.	(2)	Pengwerne.

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	F.W. Deakin (Ross).	(2)	S.E. Parsons (Hereford R.C.).
2 nd heat. (1)	C.A. Barnard (Evesham).	(2)	S. Lawrence (Ross).
Final (1)	F.W. Dekins.	(2)	C.A. Barnard.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	H.A. Shaw (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	D.W. Boulton (Evesham).
2 nd heat. (1)	E. Floyd (Ross) a bye.		
3 rd heat. (1)	J. Hay (Pengwerne).	(2)	J. Spicer (Worcester).

What happened to H.A. Shaw is not recorded, but in the final E. Floyd is shown to have beaten J.Hay.

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls.

Worcester beat Hereford R.C. (V.R. Jarvis, Miss M. Dawson (Stroke), Miss N. Crissall (Cox)), and in the final beat Coate.

Belmont Plate.

(1)	Hundertton.	(2)	Dukes 'A'
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As usual there were other attractions than rowing, including amongst other such events as a Motorcycle Gymkhana, wrestling bout, a diving exhibition by "Dare Devil Peggy". The day concluded with two dances, one on the Castle Green, the other at the Town Hall.

The Senior crew of the Hereford Rowing Club gained a great victory at the Saltford Regatta on the 17th July, 1926, when they won the West of England Challenge Vase, beating Gloucester in the final, the crew being:- C.H. Geake, W.E. Bulmer, S.C. Andrews, H.F. Owens (Stroke), G. Nicholls (Cox).

The Junior crew was not so fortunate, being beaten in the first heat of its race by Evesham, the crew consisting of:- R. Symes, A.T. Merrick, J.B.W. Lloyd, C. Jefferson (Stroke), J. Goodall (Cox). Gloucester had its Regatta on 24th July and here the Hereford representatives had an unsuccessful day. In the Junior fours they scratched to Clifton. In the Pair Oars H.D. Shaw and H. Tristram were beaten in the first heat by the Gloucester pair, and in the Maiden Sculls after H.G. Shaw of Hereford had been given a bye, he was beaten by a Gloucester man in the succeeding heat, the final being won by Wycliffe College.

Slightly better fortune awaited the Hereford Club at the Worcester Regatta on 31st July. In the Double Sculls (Mixed) H. Stephens, Miss M. Dawson (Stroke), Miss Crissall (Cox), of Hereford, were the winners beating two Worcester crews in the first and second heats, and Coate in the final.

The Pair Oars resulted as follows:-

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	S.L. Andrews, H.F. Owens (Stroke), G. Nicholls (Cox).
(2)	Derby, whose boat was swamped.	
2 nd heat. (1)	Notts. B.C.	
(2)	Hereford R.C.	

The final was won by Nottingham.

The Ross Regatta was held on 2nd August, 1926,. The contest for the Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours, with presentation prizes was keenly fought as will be shown below.

1 st heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Tewkesbury.
2 nd heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Derby.
3 rd heat. (1)	Stourbridge.	(2)	Birmingham.
4 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Mumbles.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Evesham.
6 th heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Gloucester.
7 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Derby (scratched).
8 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Derwent.
9 th heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Stourport.
10 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester.
11 th heat.(1)	Worcester.	(2)	Bewdley.
12 th heat.(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Ross.
13 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Worcester.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stratford.

The winning crew was:- A.H. Underhill, E.H. Ferris, F.N. Groom, S.R.C. Thomas (Stroke), G. Nicholls (Cox).

Three other events produced no Hereford entrants, the Ross Challenge Vase, The Cutler Challenge Vase and the Junior Sculls. There was an entry however for the Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls with the result:-

1 st heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Ross 'A'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross 'B'.
3 rd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Stourport.
4 th heat. (1)	Ross 'C'	(2)	Hereford R.C.
Final. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Ross 'C'.

The Hereford crew was:- H. Stephens, Miss M. Dawson (Stroke), Miss Crissall (Cox).

On 16th September the rowing programme of the Hereford Rowing Club approached its end with the preliminary heats for the Bury Challenge Cup.

1 st heat. (1)	C. Jefferson.	(2)	N. Groom.
2 nd heat. (1)	Ferris.	(2)	Wheatstone.
3 rd heat. (1)	W.E. Bulmer.	(2)	A.M. Underhill.
Semi-final(1)	W.E. Bulmer.	(2)	Ferris.

The final was held on the next evening when C. Jefferson proved the winner, beating W.E. Bulmer.

Appended is a list of the previous winners, each being disqualified from future entry for the Cup.

1911.	O.B. Wallis.	1922.	N.W. Slatter.
1912.	H. Stephens.	1923.	F.A. Blackmon.
1913 – 1919 –	No Competition	1924.	No Competition.
1920.	C.H. Baker.	1925	S.E. Parsons.
1921.	F.E. Hayter.	1926.	C. Jefferson.

Another example of the versatility of Rowing Club Members was a lecture announced to be given by O.B. Wallis on “Egypt Old and New” on behalf of the Club funds on 6th October, 1926.

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Again Captain R.C. Bourne comes into the news. This time as coach for the Oxford crew in the annual race against Cambridge. At the time he was the only member of parliament to be an old rowing blue. Apart from this he was once a member of the Hereford County Council. His father, Colonel G.C. Bourne, who at one time lived at Cowarne Court in Herefordshire, rowed for Oxford against Cambridge in 1882 and 1883 and coached Oxford alst year. (1926).

Another Hereford Rowing Club member. Sir James Croft, was again cox in 1927 of the Oxford eight. At the time he was 20 years old and weighed 8 stone. His coaching as cox was supervised by H.J. Hammonds, the noted Hereford oarsman.

Up to now all the Hereford Club's Annual Dinners were attended by men only, but on 18th February, 1927, the tradition was broken by the presence of ladies, the Mayor, R.H. Symonds-Tayler, an early member of the Club presiding.

The annual General Meeting followed on 22nd February, W.E. Bulmer, the Captain, presiding. In his opening remarks he mentioned that the Club had been represented in various events in 1926 as follows:-

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| Seniors. | Evesham (winning the Market Gardeners Plate), Stratford, Stourport, Hereford and Saltford (winning the West of England Challenge Vase). |
| Juniors. | Hereford and Saltford. |
| Maidens. | Evesham, Stratford, Stourport (Jefferson's crew winning the Randolph-Harrison Challenge Vase),
Hereford, Saltford and Ross (Thomas' crew winning the Smith-Watson Challenge Vase). |
| Pair Oars. | Shrewsbury, Gloucester, Worcester and Ross. |
| Sculls. | Mr. Parsons at Evesham and Hereford for Juniors.
H.E. Short at Bridgnorth, Hereford, Shrewsbury and Gloucester for Maidens. |
| Mixed Doubles. | Coate, Burton and Gloucester. |
| Mixed Sculls. | Coate, Burton (winning the Drakelow Challenge Vase), Stratford, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Worcester (winning presentation cups) and Ross. |

The Bury Cup had been won by C. Jefferson.

It had been decided to hold the annual regatta on Saturday, 4th June.

Another item was that the mortgage on the Regatta Meadow had been paid off.

Officials were elected as follows.

President;	J.S. Arkwright.
Captain;	W.E. Bulmer.
Sub-captains;	A.B. Wilson, S. Andrews, H.F. Smith.
Treasurer;	A.B. Naylor.
Secretary;	Mr. Floyd.

It was proposed that members should be allowed to use boats on Sunday mornings up to 11.00 a.m. and it was decided to leave the question to a special meeting on 4th March. Unfortunately, no record of the final decision is available.

At the Annual Sports Ball on 25th February many Rowing Club members were present but the account of the decorations make no mention of specifically rowing ornaments.

A public meeting under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Col. R.H. Symonds-Tayler was held on 21st March and another in late May to consider the forthcoming Hereford Regatta, which on 4th June would be the earliest in the season. Crews had entered from Nottingham, Derby, Maidenhead, Clifton, Stratford, Stourport, Worcester, Gloucester, Birmingham, Ross and Cardiff. Two crews had entered from Oxford University, thanks to the efforts of Sir James Croft. Three entries had been received for a proposed Public School race. Unfortunately W.E. Bulmer, the Hereford Captain had to retire from rowing for the time being on his doctor's advice. Additional attractions were to include swimming, a motor cycle gymkhana, and motor cycle football match. The regatta was to be followed by a flannel dance on the Castle Green and another at the Town Hall. And of course

there would be many side shows. Admission was fixed at 1/6d. but tickets could be obtained in advance, before 3rd June for 1/0d.

The Hereford Cathedral School, held its regatta on 23rd March. Results:-

(1)	“Oxford”	J.H. Lewis, E. Adams, Vale, Scougal, F. Adams (Cox).
(2)	“Cambridge”	P.J. Kedge, R. Evans, Crocker, A.E. Brookes, Robson (Cox).
(1)	“Day Boys”	P. Barnsley, T. Barnes, W.H. Heathcote (Captain), R. Edwards, Robson (Cox).
(2)	“Boarders”	A.B. Brown, L.B. James, Carter, J.Hall, F.Adams (Cox).

Amongst those present at the rowing centenary of the Old Trinity Hall (Cambridge) Boat Club on 14th May was R.H. Symonds-Taylor, Mayor of Hereford, who had rowed in the winning Cambridge crew of 1887 and 1890. In 1987 he won the Ladies Plate and Thomas Cup at Henley Regatta on the same day.

At Monmouth on 1st June the Hereford Cathedral School crew beat the Monmouth Grammar School by 3½ lengths, the crew being:- A.B.F. Brown, L.B. James, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), F.J. Adams (Cox).

The Hereford Regatta was held on 4th June and the results are given in more detail than formerly in order to show how many clubs were interested. The secretaries were H.M. Wilson and G.H. Neale.

West of England Challenge Vase for Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Evesham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Derwent.
3 rd heat. (1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Worcester.
4 th heat. (1)	Shrewsbury.	(2)	Hereford R.C. C. Jefferson, S.C. Andrews,
			F.N. Groom, L.A. Parsons, J. Jarvis (Cox).
5 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Clifton.
6 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Maidenhead.
7 th heat. (1)	Shrewsbury	(2)	Gloucester.
Final. (1)	Nottingham Union	(2)	Shrewsbury.

Wye Challenge Vase for Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (no names given)	(2)	Evesham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Derwent.	(2)	Worcester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Gloucester.
4 th heat. (1)	Shrewsbury.	(2)	Nottingham Union (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Derwent.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
6 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Shrewsbury (scratched).
Final. (1)	Derwent.	(2)	Clifton.

Ladies Plate for Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Mumbles.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C., A.M. Underhill	(2)	Clifton.
	E.H. Ferris, I.B.W. Lloyd, S.C.R. Thomas, F. Nicholls (Cox).		
3 rd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Derwent.
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Evesham.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Worcester. (By a short ½ length).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Nottingham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Cardiff.
3 rd heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Royal Chester.

4 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Worcester.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C., F.L. Smith, J.L. Tredale, W.J. Portlock, S. Chard, F. Nicholls (Cox).	(2)	Taff.
6 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Stratford.
7 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross.
Final. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Hereford R.C.

Public Schools Race.

1 st heat. (1)	Wallasey (A bye).		
2 nd heat (1)	Hereford Cathedral School. A.B.F. Brown, L.B. James, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall, F.J.F. Adams (Cox).	(2)	Chester.
Final (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Wallasey.

Mayor's Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Agecroft (scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Mumbles.
3 rd heat. (1)	Taff.	(2)	Ross.
Final. (1)	Taff.	(2)	Ross.

(Did Taff and Ross each enter two crews?)

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	York (T.E. Barker).	(2)	Nottingham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (O.B. Wallis).	(2)	Shrewsbury (scratched).
Final. (1)	York.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by a length).

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Ross 'A' (J. Farmer).	(2)	Worcester.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (H.G. Shaw).	(2)	Shrewsbury.
3 rd heat. (1)	Ross 'B' (E. Preece).	(2)	Stourport.
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross 'A' (on a foul).
Final (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross 'B' (by 6 lengths).

Ladies and Gents Double Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Coate.
Final. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (scratched), H. Stephens, Miss Woosnam , J. Jarvis.

Belmont Plate.

Final. (1)	Lichfield.	(2)	Hunderton.
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At Hereford on 11th June the Hereford Cathedral School beat the Worcester Kings School, the crew being:-
A.B.F. Brown, L.B. James, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), F.J. Adams (Cox).

Two defeats were endured at the Gloucester Regatta on 16th July, 1927, the venue being the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal.

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (H.G. Shaw).	(2)	Gloucester (J.W.L. Beavan).
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Gloucester (J.G.M. Pugsley).
Final. (1)	Pengwerne (L.R. Cockle).	(2)	Hereford R.C.

After winning by a yard, Cockle fell out of his boat but managed to swim ashore.

Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Hereford R.C. C. Jefferson, S.C. Andrews F.N. Groom, L.A. Parsons (Stroke), J. Jarvis (Cox).
Final. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Clifton.

Another unfortunate day for the Club was on 23rd July at the joint regatta of the Bath Avon, Bristol Ariel, Clifton, Bristol Redcliffe rowing clubs at Saltford. The Hereford crew arrived late owing to a breakdown on the road and had to row immediately without a rest. The Seniors were beaten by Evesham in an early heat, and consisted of C. Jefferson, S.C. Andrews, F.N. Groom, L.A. Parsons (Stroke), J.Jarvis (Cox).

The Hereford representatives returned empty handed from the Worcester Regatta on 30th July as will be seen from the results below.

Severn Challenge Cup for Junior Fours.

In an early heat Hereford beat Derwent, but later was beaten by Worcester, who in turn were beaten in the final. The Hereford crew was:- A.M. Underhill, E.H. Ferris, T.B. Lloyd, S.C.R. Thomas, with F. Nicholls cox.

Spreckley Challenge Vase for Senior Fours.

In the second heat Hereford (no names available) were beaten by Nottingham Union, In the final Spreckley beat Pengwerne.

Jubilee Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

In an early heat Hereford were beaten by Ross, who lost in the final to Birmingham. The Hereford crew was:- F. Palfrey, E.L. Iredale, J.Portlock, S. Chard with J.Jarvis (Cox).

Junior Sculls.

Won by Ironbridge by beating Hereford (H.G. Shaw).

The Ross Regatta was held on 1st August, 1927, and attracted so many entries from various clubs that, as in the case of the earlier Hereford Regatta it seems advisable to give the results of the individual heats in order to show the range of entrants.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maid Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Birmingham (scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Gloucester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Worcester.
4 th heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Redcliffe.
5 th heat. (1)	Barry.	(2)	Bedford.
6 th heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Gloucester.
7 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Mumbles (scratched).
8 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
9 th heat. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Stourport.
10 th heat.(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Ross.
11 th heat.(1)	Barry.	(2)	Penarth.
12 th heat.(1)	Worcester.	(2)	Evesham.
13 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Pengwerne.
14 th heat.(1)	Worcester.	(2)	Barry.
15 th heat.(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by a quarter length).
Final. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Stratford.

The Hereford crew ia given as :- F. Palfrey, J.L. Iredale, W.J. Portlock, C.H. Hayter and J.F.W. Jarvis (Cox).

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derwent.
2 nd heat. (1)	Trent.	(2)	Taff.
3 rd heat. (1)	Ross 'A'	(2)	Penarth.
4 th heat. (1)	Bedford.	(2)	Cardiff.
5 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Agecroft.
6 th heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Stratford.
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13 th heat.(1)	Derby.	(2)	Birmingham.
Final. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Hereford R.C. consisting of A.M. Underhill, E.H.

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Junior Sculls. Fellows Challeng Cup.

1 st heat. (1)	Pengwerne (L.R. Cockle).	(2)	Evesham (H. Nind).
2 nd heat. (1)	Nottingham (H.C.T. Pyatt).	(2)	Evesham (S. Byrd).
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C (H.G. Shaw).	(2)	Pengwerne (A. Ways).
4 th heat. (1)	Pengwerne (L.R. Cockle).	(2)	Ross (E.Edwards).
5 th heat. (1)	Nottingham.	(2)	Agecroft (T.G. Martin).
6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stourport (A.C. Griffiths).
7 th heat. (1)	Ross (F.B. Watts).	(2)	
8 th heat. (1)	Nottingham.	(2)	Pengwerne.
9 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Hereford R.C (H.G. Shaw).
Final. (1)	Nottingham.	(2)	Ross (F.B. Watts).

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham Britannia	(2)	Evesham (L.H. Goodall).
2 nd heat. (1)	Gloucester (J.W.L. Beavan).	(2)	Evesham (S. Byrd).
3 rd heat. (1)	Gloucester (G. O. Norris).	(2)	Ross (J.E. Farmer).
4 th heat. (1)	Gloucester (R.F. Moffat).	(2)	Evesham (C.H. Alcock).
5 th heat. (1)	H.A. Caborn.	(2)	Gloucester (W.F. Chubb).
6 th heat. (1)	Gloucester (Beavan).	(2)	Evesham (S. Geary).
7 th heat. (1)	Gloucester (Norris).	(2)	Bewdley (B.D. Bretell).
8 th heat. (1)	Gloucester (Moffatt).	(2)	Hereford R.C (C. Jefferson).
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10 th heat.(1)	Gloucester (Moffatt).	(2)	Gloucester (Norris).
Final. (1)	Gloucester (Beavan).	(2)	Gloucester (Moffatt).

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars.

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The stern. The result was that water entered the boat and it sank, leaving both in the river. The lady managed to swim almost to the bank where she was pulled out by spectators, but Ineson, whose swimming powers were of the feeblest sank in spite of attempts to rescue him.

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Bury Cup.	Mr. Shaw.
Gents Randan.	H. Stewart, C. Jefferson, R. Slatter.
Mixed doubles.	S.E. Parsons, Miss Crissall.
Scratch Fours.	S.E. Parsons, N. Slatter, M. Portlock, W.E. Bulmer.
Pair Oars.	E. Lloyd and S.R.G. Thomas.
Single Sculls.	S.E. Parsons.

J. Jarvis and F. Nicholls are named as the coxes.

The evening terminated with a flannel ball at the Town Hall.

From time to time the name Symonds appears in this history and it is on 18th November that it appears once more, when R.A. Symonds won the final heat of the Colqhon Scullls at Cambridge. He was the son of Noel P. Symonds who in 1883 stroked Hereford Cathedral School to victory for the Public Schools Challenge Cup at Henley. Like his father R.A. Symonds was a member of Lady Margaret Boat Club, St. John's College, Cambridge. He had already rowed in the Trinity trial eights and in 1926 rowed in his college boat which went to "the head of the river".

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As opposed to last year the Hereford Regatta on 26th May, 1928, was held in almost continuous rain. The flannel dance arranged for the Castle Green could not take place, but that in the Town Hall attracted 350 participants. The rowing results were:-

Wye Challenge Vase.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Avon.
2 nd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Nottingham Britannia.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Agecroft.
4 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Clifton.
5 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Hereford R C.(By 2 feet).
Final. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Worcester.

The Hereford crew was:- I.B.W. Lloyd, S.C. Andrews, F.N. Groom, C. Jefferson (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Public Schools Race.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral.	(2)	Wallasey 'A'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Wallesey 'B'.	(2)	Kings School Chester.
Final. (1)	Hereford Cathedral Shool.	(2)	Wallasey 'B'.

The Hereford Cathedral School crew was:- P. Barnsley, R.S.F. Edwards, L.B. James, J.M. Hill (Stroke), F. Adams (Cox).

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	H.A. Shaw (Hereford) rowed over.
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2 nd heat. (2)	A.K. Tarbuck (Liverpool). (2)	J. Pargeter (Worcester).
Final. (1)	Pargeter. (2)	Shaw.

(According to another report the names Pargeter and Tarbuck were transposed making Tarbuck the winner.)

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	R. Moffatt (Gloucester). (2)	J. Stephens (Hereford R.C.).
2 nd heat. (1)	C. Jefferson (Hereford R.C.) rowed over.	
Final. (1)	Moffatt. (2)	Jefferson.

Ladies Plate, Juniors.

1 st heat. (1)	Evesham. (2)	Shrewsbury.
2 nd heat. (1)	Clifton. (2)	Worcester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Worcester. (2)	Taff.
4 th heat. (1)	Evesham. (2)	Clifton.
Final. (1)	Evesham. (2)	Worcester.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Evesham. (2)	Stourport.
2 nd heat. (1)	Ross. (2)	Worcester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (2)	Gloucester.
4 th heat. (1)	Stratford. (2)	Taff.
5 th heat. (1)	Evesham. (2)	Ross.
6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (2)	Taff.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C. (2)	Evesham (by 1½ lengths).

The Hereford crew was:- F. Palfrey, H.G. Thompson, W.J. Portlock, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), F. Nicholls (Cox).

Mayor's Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (2)	Agecroft.
2 nd heat. (1)	Mumbles. (2)	Nottingham B.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Taff. (2)	Cardiff.
4 th heat. (1)	Penarth. (2)	Clifton (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (2)	Mumbles.
6 th heat. (1)	Taff. (2)	Penarth.
Final. (1)	Taff. (2)	Hereford R.C. (by a quarter length).

The Hereford crew was R.T. Carver and O.B. Wallis.

Belmont Plate.

(1)	Police.	(2)	Lichfield.
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Additional attractions were a motor-cycle tug-of-war, a motor-cycle football match, horse jumping etc.

Two days later came the Evesham Regatta on 28th May. Two events that concerned the Hereford Rowing Club were:-

Vale of Evesham Challenge Trophy for Senior Fours.

Here the Hereford crew beat Worcester, Notts Britannia and Evesham in early heats but lost to Avon in the final.

Avon Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

Hereford lost to Notts Britannia in the final. No crew names are recorded.

Two items are recorded in early June, 1928, regarding the Hereford Cathedral School, who beat Monmouth Grammar School at Hereford and with the same crew beat Worcester Kings School a week later, the crew being:-

P. Barnsley, R.S.F. Edwards, L.B. James, J.M. Hall (Stroke), F.J.F. Adams (Cox).

For the third successive year the Hereford Cathedral School has been unbeaten and has won 13 races since being beaten by Monmouth in 1925.

At the Stratford-on-Avon Regatta on 23rd June, Hereford competed in three events with the following results:-

Kings Senior Trophy Challenge Vase.

Beaten by Bath Avon, the crew being:- I.B. Lloyd, S.C. Andrews, F.N. Groom, S.E. Parsons (Stroke).

Kincaid-Smith Challenge Bowl for Juniors.

Hereford beat Gloucester R.C. but lost to Notts Britannia in the semi-final, the crew being:- F. Palfrey, C. Jefferson, J. Portlock, W. Hayter (Stroke).

Maiden Sculls.

Hereford was beaten by Pengwerne in the first heat. No names are recorded.

The Hereford Rowing Club competed in the Ironbridge Regatta on 7th July, beating Ironbridge in the first heat for the Junior Plate, and Ross in the second heat, only to be beaten in the final by Stourbridge, the crew being :- F. Palfrey, W.J. Portlock, S.C. Jefferson, H.C. Hayter (Stroke), S. Woods (Cox).

The next event in 1928 was the Taff and Cardiff Regatta, held on 14th July, when the Hereford Club entered a Junior crew. On the way their car, driven by H.G. Shaw, collided with another and was damaged, but they were able to finish their journey by a Hereford to Newport bus. The crew beat Clifton in one heat but lost to Redcliffe Rowing Club in the semi-final, the latter winning the Plate. The Hereford crew was:- F. Palfrey, C.S. Jefferson, W.J. Portlock, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), F. Nicholls (Cox).

The Gloucester R.C. Regatta was held on 28th July at the Castle Reach of the Gloucester and Sharpness canal, with the following results:-

Senior Fours.

(1) Bristol University. (2) Gloucester R.C.

Maiden Fours.

(1) Worcester. (2) Evesham.

Pair Oars.

(1) Hereford R.C. (2) Bewdley.

The Hereford crew was:- I.W.B. Lloyd, S.E. Parsons (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Junior Fours.

(1) Hereford R.C. (2) Evesham.

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The Worcester Regatta was held on 4th August with the following results so far as the Hereford Club was concerned.

Worcester Goblet for Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Gloucester.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff. (By three lengths).
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Burton Leander. (By 1¼ lengths).
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derby. (By two lengths).

The Hereford crew was:- I.B.W. Lloyd and S.E. Parsons.

Severn Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Worcester.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Notts. R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
Final (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Birmingham.

The Hereford crew was:- F. Palfrey, H.G. Thompson, W.J. Portlock, C. H. Hayter.

The Ross Regatta on 6th August showed again the popularity of the Wye as a regatta course and the list of results gives an indication of the number of rowing clubs that sent representatives.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff. F. Palfrey, H.G. Thompson, W.J. Portlock, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).
2 nd heat. (1)	Birmingham.	(2)	Ross 'A'.
3 rd heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Stourport.
4 th heat. (1)	Evesham 'A'.	(2)	Ironbridge.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Nottingham.
6 th heat. (1)	Evesham 'B'.	(2)	Birmingham.
7 th heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Ross 'B'.
8 th heat. (1)	Evesham 'A'.	(2)	Worcester.
9 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Evesham 'A'.
10 th heat.(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Evesham 'B'.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stratford. (By four lengths).

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

(1)	Ross.	(2)	Bradford-on-Avon.
There was no Hereford entry.			

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Gloucester.
2 nd heat. (1)	Taff.	(2)	Worcester (scratched).
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross 'B'.
4 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Ross 'A'.
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Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls. No Hereford entry.

Maiden Sculls. No Hereford entry.

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls.

(1) Hereford R.C. (2) Worcester.

S.E. Parsons, Miss N. Crissall (Stroke), Miss Lindley (Cox).

The Hereford Rowing Club closed its season with a local regatta on 13th September with the following results:-

Single Sculls.

(1) N. Slatter. (2) F. Palfrey.

Bury Cup Sculls.

(1) J.R. Stevens. (2) S.R.C. Thomas.

Mixed Sculls.

The printed report is somewhat confusing. It gives the results thus:-

1 st heat.	(1)	S.C. Parsons and Miss Spiller.	(2)	N. Groom and Miss Crissall.
Final.	(1)	S.C. Parsons and Miss Harper.	(2)	Groom and Crissall.

Did Mr. Parsons change partners or is it a reporter's error?

Pair Oars.

(1) C. Jefferson and I.B.W. Lloyd. (2) C.H. Hayter and N. Groom.

Scratch Fours.

(1) W.J. Thompson, E.C. Bulmer, R. Scully, S.C. Parsons.
(2) E.C. Bulmer, I.B.W. Lloyd, S.C. Andrews, S.R.C. Thomas.

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The Cathedral School (present), consisting of R.S.F. Edwards, L.B. James, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), F.F.C. Adams (Cox), beat the Old Herefordians, T.G.E. Price, E.W. Bishop, H.W. Thompson, E.G. Taylor (Stroke), I.W.S. Chard (Cox), by 1½ lengths.

"Oxford" beat "Cambridge", the former crew being:- P. Kedge, E.C.N. Adams, G.N. Tanner, C.E. Crocker (Stroke), J.L. Spoule (Cox).

As opposed to last year the Hereford Regatta on 26th May, 1928, was held in almost continuous rain. The flannel dance arranged for the Castle Green could not take place, but that in the Town Hall attracted 350 participants. The rowing results were:-

Wye Challenge Vase.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Avon.
2 nd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Nottingham Britannia.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Agecroft.
4 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Clifton.
5 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Hereford R C.(By 2 feet).

Final. (1) Nottingham Union. (2) Worcester.

The Hereford crew was:- I.B.W. Lloyd, S.C. Andrews, F.N. Groom, C. Jefferson (Stroke),
G. Wood(Cox).

Public Schools Race.

1st heat. (1) Hereford Cathedral. (2) Wallasey 'A'.
2nd heat. (1) Wallesey 'B'. (2) Kings School Chester.
Final. (1) Hereford Cathedral Shool. (2) Wallasey 'B'.

The Hereford Cathedral School crew was:- P. Barnsley, R.S.F. Edwards, L.B. James, J.M. Hill (Stroke),
F. Adams (Cox).

Junior Sculls.

1st heat. (1) H.A. Shaw (Hereford) rowed over.
2nd heat. (2) A.K. Tarbuck (Liverpool). (2) J. Pargeter (Worcester).
Final. (1) Pargeter. (2) Shaw.

(According to another report the names Pargeter and Tarbuck were transposed making Tarbuck the winner.)

Maiden Sculls.

1st heat. (1) R. Moffatt (Gloucester). (2) J. Stephens (Hereford R.C.).
2nd heat. (1) C. Jefferson (Hereford R.C.) rowed over.
Final. (1) Moffatt. (2) Jefferson.

Ladies Plate, Juniors.

1st heat. (1) Evesham . (2) Shrewsbury.
2nd heat. (1) Clifton . (2) Worcester.
3rd heat. (1) Worcester. (2) Taff.
4th heat. (1) Evesham. (2) Clifton.
Final. (1) Evesham. (2) Worcester.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

1st heat. (1) Evesham. (2) Stourport.
2nd heat. (1) Ross. (2) Worcester.
3rd heat. (1) Hereford R.C. (2) Gloucester.
4th heat. (1) Stratford. (2) Taff.
5th heat. (1) Evesham. (2) Ross.
6th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. (2) Taff.
Final. (1) Hereford R.C. (2) Evesham (by 1½ lengths).

The Hereford crew was:- F. Palfrey, H.G. Thompson, W.J. Portlock, C.H. Hayter (Stroke),
F. Nicholls (Cox).

Mayor's Pair Oars.

1st heat. (1) Hereford R.C. (2) Agecroft.
2nd heat. (1) Mumbles. (2) Nottingham B.C.
3rd heat. (1) Taff. (2) Cardiff.
4th heat. (1) Penarth. (2) Clifton (scratched).
5th heat. (1) Hereford R.C. (2) Mumbles.
6th heat. (1) Taff. (2) Penarth.
Final. (1) Taff. (2) Hereford R.C. (by a quarter length).

The Hereford crew was R.T. Carver and O.B. Wallis.

Belmont Plate.

(1) Police. (2) Lichfield.

Additional attractions were a motor-cycle tug-of-war, a motor-cycle football match, horse jumping etc.

Two days later came the Evesham Regatta on 28th May. Two events that concerned the Hereford Rowing Club were:-

Vale of Evesham Challenge Trophy for Senior Fours.

Here the Hereford crew beat Worcester, Notts Britannia and Evesham in early heats but lost to Avon in the final.

Avon Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

Hereford lost to Notts Britannia in the final. No crew names are recorded.

Two items are recorded in early June, 1928, regarding the Hereford Cathedral School, who beat Monmouth Grammar School at Hereford and with the same crew beat Worcester Kings School a week later, the crew being:-

P. Barnsley, R.S.F. Edwards, L.B. James, J.M. Hall (Stroke), F.J.F. Adams (Cox).

For the third successive year the Hereford Cathedral School has been unbeaten and has won 13 races since being beaten by Monmouth in 1925.

At the Stratford-on-Avon Regatta on 23rd June, Hereford competed in three events with the following results:-

Kings Senior Trophy Challenge Vase.

Beaten by Bath Avon, the crew being:- I.B. Lloyd, S.C. Andrews, F.N. Groom, S.E. Parsons (Stroke).

Kincaid-Smith Challenge Bowl for Juniors.

Hereford beat Gloucester R.C. but lost to Notts Britannia in the semi-final, the crew being:- F. Palfrey, C. Jefferson, J. Portlock, W. Hayter (Stroke).

Maiden Sculls.

Hereford was beaten by Pengwerne in the first heat. No names are recorded.

The Hereford Rowing Club competed in the Ironbridge Regatta on 7th July, beating Ironbridge in the first heat for the Junior Plate, and Ross in the second heat, only to be beaten in the final by Stourbridge, the crew being :- F. Palfrey, W.J. Portlock, S.C. Jefferson, H.C. Hayter (Stroke), S. Woods (Cox).

The next event in 1928 was the Taff and Cardiff Regatta, held on 14th July, when the Hereford Club entered a Junior crew. On the way their car, driven by H.G. Shaw, collided with another and was damaged, but they were able to finish their journey by a Hereford to Newport bus. The crew beat Clifton in one heat but lost to Redcliffe Rowing Club in the semi-final, the latter winning the Plate. The Hereford crew was:- F. Palfrey, C.S. Jefferson, W.J. Portlock, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), F. Nicholls (Cox).

The Gloucester R.C. Regatta was held on 28th July at the Castle Reach of the Gloucester and Sharpness canal, with the following results:-

Senior Fours.

(1) Bristol University. (2) Gloucester R.C.

Maiden Fours.

(1) Worcester. (2) Evesham.

Pair Oars.

(1) Hereford R.C. (2) Bewdley.

The Hereford crew was:- I.W.B. Lloyd, S.E. Parsons (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Junior Fours.

(1) Hereford R.C. (2) Evesham.

The Hereford crew was:- F. Palfrey, H.G. Thompson, W.J. Portlock, C.H. Hayrter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

The Worcester Regatta was held on 4th August with the following results so far as the Hereford Club was concerned.

Worcester Goblet for Pair Oars.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Gloucester.
2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff. (By three lengths).
3 rd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Burton Leander. (By 1¼ lengths).
Final.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derby. (By two lengths).

The Hereford crew was:- I.B.W. Lloyd and S.E. Parsons.

Severn Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Worcester.
2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Notts. R.C.
3 rd heat.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
Final	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Birmingham.

The Hereford crew was:- F. Palfrey, H.G. Thompson, W.J. Portlock, C. H. Hayter.

The Ross Regatta on 6th August showed again the popularity of the Wye as a regatta course and the list of results gives an indication of the number of rowing clubs that sent representatives.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff.
		F. Palfrey, H.G. Thompson, W.J. Portlock, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).		
2 nd heat.	(1)	Birmingham.	(2)	Ross 'A'.
3 rd heat.	(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Stourport.
4 th heat.	(1)	Evesham 'A'.	(2)	Ironbridge.
5 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Nottingham.
6 th heat.	(1)	Evesham 'B'.	(2)	Birmingham.
7 th heat.	(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Ross 'B'.
8 th heat.	(1)	Evesham 'A'.	(2)	Worcester.
9 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Evesham 'A'.
10 th heat.	(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Evesham 'B'.
Final.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stratford. (By four lengths).

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

(1) Ross. (2) Bradford-on-Avon.
There was no Hereford entry.

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Gloucester.
2 nd heat. (1)	Taff.	(2)	Worcester (scratched).
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross 'B'.
4 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Ross 'A'.
5 th heat. (1)	Cardiff.	(2)	Barry (scratched).
6 th heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Clifton.
7 th heat. (1)	Taff.	(2)	Derby.
8 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Bristol University.
9 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Cardiff.
10 th heat. (1)	Penarth .	(2)	Taff.
11 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stourport.
Final. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Hereford R.C.

The Hereford crew was:- S.E. Parsons, I.B.W. Lloyd (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls. No Hereford entry.

Maiden Sculls. No Hereford entry.

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls.

(1) Hereford R.C. (2) Worcester.

S.E. Parsons, Miss N. Crissall (Stroke), Miss Lindley (Cox).

The Hereford Rowing Club closed its season with a local regatta on 13th September with the following results:-

Single Sculls.

(1) N. Slatter. (2) F. Palfrey.

Bury Cup Sculls.

(1) J.R. Stevens. (2) S.R.C. Thomas.

Mixed Sculls.

The printed report is somewhat confusing. It gives the results thus:-

1 st heat. (1)	S.C. Parsons and Miss Spiller.	(2)	N. Groom and Miss Crissall.
Final. (1)	S.C. Parsons and Miss Harper.	(2)	Groom and Crissall.

Did Mr. Parsons change partners or is it a reporter's error?

Pair Oars.

(1) C. Jefferson and I.B.W. Lloyd. (2) C.H. Hayter and N. Groom.

Scratch Fours.

(1) W.J. Thompson, E.C. Bulmer, R. Scully, S.C. Parsons.
(2) E.C. Bulmer, I.B.W. Lloyd, S.C. Andrews, S.R.C. Thomas.

E.C. Bulmer is given a place in both crews. This must be another error.

Apart from rowing there were other attractions, including clock golf, hidden treasure hunt, bean guessing, dart throwing etc. The evening closed with a flannel dance at the Booth Hall which was well attended.

1929

1929 opened with the customary Sports Ball, the 25th of the series, on 8th February. Many of the decorations were symbolic of rowing and many Hereford Rowing Club members were present.

It is recorded that on 16th March, 1929, the "Cambridge" crew beat the "Oxford" crew at the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta, but no names were given. However there was another race, that between the School and Old Herefordians in which several familiar faces appear. The winners, the School, comprised; E. Bettington, C.R. Crocker, J.E.W. Scougall, E.C.N. Adams (Stroke), F. Adams (Cox). The losers were; T.G.E Price, L.B. James, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), J.W. Scott-Chard (Cox).

A fairly full account on the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 26th March, 1929, shows that W.E. Bulmer, was in the chair and his report included many interesting items. The Junior crew had won at Burton, Gloucester, Ross and Worcester. The Seniors reached the final at Evesham. The Maidens won at Hereford. The Open Pairs won at Gloucester and Worcester. Maidens Sculls at Shrewsbury. The Bury had been won by R. Stephens.

Caps were awarded to S. Parsons and I.B.W. Lloyd, with Junior Caps to Hayter, Portlock, Thompson and Palfrey. 17 new senior members and 12 new junior members had joined the Club.

It was decided that the half guinea fee for new members should be suspended for another year.

Officers were elected as follows:-

Captain,	S.C. Andrews (W.E. Bulmer having resigned).
Sub-captains,	Angus Wilson, H. Smith and I.B.W. Lloyd.
Treasurer,	A.H. Jones.
Sub-treasurer,	R.W. Thomas.
Secretary,	R.C. Floyd.
Committee,	W.E. Bulmer, A. Blackmon, O.B. Wallis and C.H. Hayter for three years with F. Palfrey for two years and G. Gethin for one year.

It should be noted that the late treasurer and sub-treasurer, A.B. Naylor and T. Winter had both resigned, having left Hereford.

The President J.S. Arkwright was again elected and an additional Vice-president G.H. Neale was also elected.

The financial position was given briefly as below:-

Subscriptions.	£199. 17s. 0d	
Rent of Meadow.	73. 10s. 0d	
Sale of boat.	<u>27. 10s. 0d</u>	
direct	Total receipts.	£316. 4s. 9d. (I know these figures do not add up but they are a copy from the original document. Ed.)
Expenses	£266. 1s. 5d.,	the chief item being £130 for the attendant.

The balance due to the treasurer was reduced from £883. 10s. 11d. to £883. 7s. 6d. The assets exceeded liabilities by £758. 1s. 3d.

The loss on last years Regatta was £16, the gate money having fallen from £40 to £35.

Regatta fixtures for 1929 were announced as follows.

18 th May.	Hereford	6 th July.	Nottingham, Ironbridge.
20 th May.	Evesham.	13 th July.	Derby, Cardiff.
1 st June.	Bewdley.	17 th July.	Chester.
8 th June.	Burton.	20 th July.	Loughborough, Gloucester.
15 th June.	Penarth, Stourport.	27 th July.	Bedford, Saltford, Agecroft.
22 nd June.	Stratford, Mumbles.	3 rd August.	Worcester.
27 th June.	Shrewsbury.	5 th August.	Ross.

29th June. Boston.

At a meeting in the town Hall, Hereford, the Mayor, T.W. Goodwin presiding, in early April, R.C. Floyd and F.N. Groom were elected as secretaries for the forthcoming Hereford Regatta to take place on 18th May. On the day of the Regatta itself an impressive list of entries was announced - as will be evidenced in the detailed list of results – together with many motor cycle events, such as Gymkhana, Football Match, Tug-of-War, Grand National, Blindfold race for Cars, and Musical Chairs for motor cycles.

Wye Challenge Vase for Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Clifton.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Thames (by 4 lengths).
3 rd heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Redcliffe.
4 th heat. (1)	Bristol University.	(2)	Avon.
5 th heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by $\frac{3}{4}$ length).
Final. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Bristol University.

The Hereford crew was:- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Hereford City Plate for Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Bristol University.
2 nd heat. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Clifton.
3 rd heat.	Byes for Hereford, Liverpool Victoria and Redcliffe.		
4 th heat. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Avon.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe. By 2 lengths.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Thames. By 3 lengths.

Ladies Plate with Hereford Times Vase for Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Worcester.
2 nd heat.	Byes for Hereford, Stratford, Gloucester, Ironbridge, Cardiff, Ross, Bristol Ariel.		
3 rd heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Gloucester.
4 th heat. (1)	Ironbridge.	(2)	Cardiff.
5 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
6 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
7 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Stratford.
8 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Ironbridge.
Final. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Ross.

The Hereford crew was:- W.R. Edwards, A.B. Blackmon, H.G. Shaw, F.N. Groom (Stroke), W. Ayer (Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Redcliffe.	(2)	Pengwerne.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'	(2)	Taff.
4 th heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Worcester.
5 th heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Redcliffe.
6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'	(2)	Derby.
Hereford 'A'	R.S. Edwards, W. Andrews, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox).		
Hereford 'B'	H. Fenton, E.H. Wheatstone, J. Chard, J.E. Brumbill (Stroke), W. James (Cox).		

Public School Race.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Stratford, King Edward School.
Final. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Monmouth Grammar School.

Hereford crew:- L. Bettington, W.A. McLay, E.C.N. Adams, C.E. Crocker (Stroke), F>F.J.C. Adams (Cox).

Mayor's Race.

(1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Taff.
	No Hereford entry.		

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (O.B. Wallis).
2 nd heat.		Agecroft, a bye.		
Final.	(1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Agecroft.

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	Agecroft.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (C. Jefferson).
2 nd heat.		Ironbridge, a bye.		
3 rd heat.	(1)	Ross.	(2)	Worcester.
4 th heat.	(1)	Ironbridge.	(2)	Agecroft.
Final.	(1)	Ross.	(2)	Ironbridge, by five lengths.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Worcester (scratched).
2 nd heat.	(1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Stourport 'A'.
3 rd heat.		Byes for Stourport 'B' and Hereford R.C. (J. Drinkwater).		
4 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stourport 'B'.
5 th heat.	(1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Gloucester.
Final.	(1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Hereford R.C.

Belmont Plate.

(1)	Black Lion.	(2)	Bulmers.
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This race was run twice. After an initial protest the losers made no effort to win.

Two days later came the Evesham Regatta on 25th May, 1929. The Market Gardeners Plate was won by the Hereford Rowing Club consisting of W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, L.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox), who beat Evesham by two lengths in the final. In the Junior Fours the Hereford crew won three heats but lost by 1½ lengths to Trent R.C. in the final, the crew comprising R.S. Edwards, W. Andrews, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox). In the Junior Sculls C. Jefferson of Hereford reached the semi-final.

The Burton Regatta on 8th June was the first occasion on which the Hereford Rowing Club won the Bass Challenge Vase, valued at 350 guineas, for Senior Fours, the crew being:- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Equally satisfactory were the next two events in which the Hereford Cathedral School competed. On 15th June Worcester Kings School was beaten at Hereford and on the 22nd the same Cathedral crew competed at Marlow in the Public School Race with the following result:-

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Strode.
2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Tonbridge (last year's winner).
3 rd heat.	(1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Bedford Modern.
4 th heat.	(1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Winchester.
5 th heat.	(1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Cheltenham.
Final.	(1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Tiffin School.

The crew was E. Bettington, W.A. McLay, E.C.N. Adams, C.E. Croker (Stroke), F.F.J.C. Adams (Cox).

The Stratford Regatta was held on 22nd June, when the Hereford R.C. Senior crew won the Kings Trophy Challenge Vase by beating successively Derby, Evesham and Burton Leander, the crew being:- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Woods (Cox). The Junior crew however lost to Ironbridge in its first heat, consisting of R.E. Edwards, W. Andrews, W. Heathcote, F.N. Groom (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox).

At the Shrewsbury Regatta on 27th June the only Hereford R.C. entries appear to have been for individual sculls. In the Isle Challenge Vase race for Junior Sculls C. Jefferson lost to E. Edwards of Ross in the fourth heat. In the Sabrina Challenge Cup race for Maiden Sculls (won last year by C. Jefferson) H. Williams (Hereford) lost to C.W. Guilding (Gloucester) in the second heat and N. Drinkwater (Hereford) lost to V.H. Lewis (Pengwerne) in the third heat.

In early July a proposition was made that the Hereford County Council should buy the Rowing Club regatta meadow and an adjoining meadow for £850 on certain conditions. It was to be let to the Rowing Club for three days for the regatta at a rent of one shilling per annum. At the end of 21 years the Club was to have the right to repurchase the meadow for £850 and if it was resold later half the profit was to go to the Council.

Hereford was well represented at the University Centenary Boat Race Dinner in July by Col. G.C. Bourne and Capt. R.C. Bourne M.P., who together had rowed and won six times for Oxford. Also there was P. Symonds, his brother R.A. Symonds and the son of the former, R.A. Symonds, who had all rowed for Cambridge.

The Gloucester Regatta was held on 20th July with the following results.

Senior Fours.

Hereford beat Redcliffe, Gloucester and Bath Avon, the crew consisting of :- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Junior Fours.

Hereford R.C. beat Cardiff but lost to Evesham in the semi-final, the winning crew being Stratford who beat Evesham in the final. The Hereford crew was:- R.S.F. Edwards, W. Andrews, W.H. Heathcote, F.N. Groom (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox).

Maiden Sculls.

N. Drinkwater (H.R.C.) lost to C.W. Guilding (Gloucester). T.R. Stephens (H.R.C.) lost to J. Morris (Liverpool Victoria).

The Saltford Regatta on 27th July witnessed a victory for the Hereford Senior crew in the Bath City Challenge Vase race. Consisting of W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke) and G. Wood (Cox), the crew beat the existing holders, Monkton School B.C. in the second and Bath Avon R.C. in the final.

In the Ariel Challenge Vase for Junior Fours the Hereford crew scratched in favour of Monkton School.

A notable victory was that of the same Senior crew at Worcester Regatta on 3rd August, winning the West of England Challenge Vase by beating successively Bristol Avon and Liverpool Victoria.

In the Junior Sculls C. Jefferson (Hereford) had to admit defeat by a representative of Liverpool Victoria. A similar fate awaited N. Drinkwater (Hereford), also defeated by Liverpool Victoria in the Maiden Sculls. W.H. Heathcote (Hereford), who had beaten in turn men from Worcester, Evesham and Liverpool, was beaten by an Old Bedfordian in the final of the same event.

Only a brief list of results in the Ross Regatta of 5th August will be given here as the Hereford Rowing Club played no prominent part in the proceedings.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

- (1) Stratford. (2) Evesham.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

- (1) Bristol Redcliffe. (2) Stratford-on-Avon.

Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls.

- (1) G.F. Williams (Ironbridge). (2) F.W. Watts (Ross).

Deaken Challenge Cup for Maiden Sculls.

After ten heats the result was:

- (1) W.H. Heathcote (Hereford). (2) H.R. Turner (Bewdley).

In early December 1929 the familiar name of Symonds appears once more. R.H. Symonds, a younger brother of R.A. Symonds and a nephew of Col. R.H. Symonds- Tayler was asked to remain in residence at his university for a few days prior to 6th January, when practice is to be started on the river Cam at Cambridge. R.A. Symonds, just mentioned was in the Cambridge crew in 1928.

1930

As with other forms of athletics it is common to find that outstanding exponents have achieved success in later life in other directions. As an instance Frank Owen, elected M.P. for Hereford in late 1929, stroked the Hereford crew that won the West of England Challenge Vase in 1925 and rowed for his college in the Henley Regatta. Not only these, but later in 1930 he played rugby for the Hereford team and offered to play later as permitted by his other duties.

There is little to note about the annual Hereford Rowing Club dinner on 18th February, 1930, when the Mayoress, Mrs. L.H. Luard presided, except that in the speeches it was told that the Senior crew had won the principal trophies at Hereford, Evesham, Burton, Stratford, Gloucester, Saltford and Worcester during 1929, making seven victories in eight attempts. The West of England Challenge Vase had been won three times in ten years,* a record of which any club might well be proud.

(*According to the records in the 'Rowing Almanac' the West of England Challenge Vase was won by Hereford R.C. in 1920 at Worcester, 1922 at Saltford, 1926 again at Saltford, in 1929 at Worcester and in 1930 at Gloucester.)

No great part was made by the Rowing Club in the Annual Sports Ball on 28th February except the decorations which included oars and other signs of rowing activities.

In March 1930 the Hereford Cathedral School's fund permitted the purchase of two tub pairs from Tims of Oxford and a light clinker four from the Worcester Kings School. The total expenditure was £189. 6s. 9d. Together with the boys subscriptions of £22. 7s. 0d. the total fund amounted to £222. 19s. 9d. leaving a balance of £33. 13s. 0d. for future use.

In the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 22nd March there were two races of record as mentioning the names of some prospective members of the Hereford Rowing Club. The results are summarised as follows:-

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| (1) | "Oxford". | A.D. Jones, Murray, Powne-Jones, F. Adams (Stroke), D.P. Gunn (Cox). |
| (2) | "Cambridge". | Langford, Akerman, Kendrick, G.W. Jones (Stroke), Slatter (Cox). |
| (1) | School IV. | E. Bettington, W.A. McLay, E.C.N. Adams, F.J. Shearman (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox). |
| (2) | Old Herefordians. | P.E. Barnsley, R.S.F. Edwards, W.H. Heathcote, J.M.Hall (Stroke), R.J.A. Poole (Cox). |

The Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club was held on 28th March, S.C. Andrews presiding. He announced that the list of successes in 1929 had been a record. The Club had been represented at the following regattas.

Seniors. Hereford, Evesham, Burton-on-Trent, Stourport, Stratford, Gloucester, Saltford and Worcester, being uniformly successful, gaining at the last named regatta The West of England Challenge Vase.

Juniors. Hereford, Evesham (reaching the final), Stourport, Stratford, Cardiff and Gloucester.

Maidens. Hall's crew and Brumbill's crew. Hereford (Hall's crew won), Stourport, Evesham (Hall's crew reached the final in Junior Fours).

Pair Oars. Ross.

Senior Sculls. Hereford (O.B. Wallis).

Junior Sculls. Hereford and Evesham (C. Jefferson).

Maiden Sculls. Hereford (N. Drinkwater).
 Stourport (N. Drinkwater and H. Williams who reached the semi-final).
 Shrewsbury (-Ditto- -Ditto-).
 Gloucester (-Ditto- and R.R. Stephens).
 Worcester (-Ditto- and W.H. Heathcote who reached the final).
 Ross (-Ditto- and W.H. Heathcote who won).

Bury Cup. N. Drinkwater.

During the past season senior caps were awarded to C.H. Hayter, H.W. Thompson and W.J. Portlock. There were 33 new members. 18 members had resigned or been struck off the list. The treasurer, R.W. Thomas had left the district. The Regatta Meadow had been sold to the Hereford County Council for use as a playground for the Hereford High School for Boys, but with the Club's rights to use it for regattas. Dates had been agreed for the 1930 regattas as follows:-

31 st May.	Shrewsbury.	5 th July.	Nottingham, Ironbridge, Barry.
7 th June.	Hereford.	12 th July.	Derby, Cardiff, Taff.
9 th June.	Evesham	26 th July.	Agecroft, Bedford, Gloucester.
14 th June.	Burton, Bewdley.	2 nd August.	Worcester.
21 st June.	York, Stratford, Penarth.	4 th August.	Ross, Lancaster.

Subscriptions had amounted to £182. 15s. 0d. Total receipts £214. 5s. 0d. Expenditure had been £319, the chief item being the waterman's wages £130. The balance due to the treasurer was increased from £833 to £938. The assets, including the boat house site, club house, boats and regatta meadow (£850) exceeded the liabilities by £785. 10s. 5d.

Officials elected.

President,	J.S. Arkwright;
Captain,	S.G. Andrews;
Sub-captains,	I.B.W. Lloyd and Harry Smith;
Treasurer,	A. Herbert Jones;
Secretary,	Floyd;

H.F. Owen M.P. was added to the list of Vice-presidents.

The half guinea entrance fee was suspended for another year.

A sad loss to the Club was the death in April of F. Groom whose house had been the headquarters of the Hereford Rowing Club, in which he took a great interest. He was the father of Norman Groom, who in addition to rowing, was a prominent member of the Hereford Rugby Club.

The West of England Challenge Vase comes into the news again in April, when Gloucester acquired a share in it. The Vase contest was inaugurated in 1877 by Bath, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Tewkesbury and Worcester for competition on rotation at their various regattas. Tewkesbury dropped out after some years and ceased to hold amateur regattas. Now that Gloucester are eligible the Vase will be competed for at the Gloucester Regatta on the Castle Reach on 26th July. It may be noted that Hereford never won the trophy until 1920, but since then they have won it in 1922 at Saltford, in 1926 again at Saltford, and in 1929 at Worcester.

Some financial details of the 1929 Regatta were disclosed at a meeting in the Town Hall on 12th May, The Mayoress, Mrs. Luard presiding, when R.C. Floyd and F.N. Groom were appointed secretaries for the 1930 regatta.

Income was £311. 0s. 9d. Subscriptions £73. Entrance fees £44. Gate money £31. Tickets £16. Teas £33. Town Hall Dance £48.

Expenditure was; Tax £15. Wages £15. Boat racing prizes £60. Erection of tents etc. £30. Printing and advertising etc. £40. Total expenditure £257. 17s. 5d. Leaving a balance in hand of £54. 3s. 5d.

The Hereford Regatta took place on 7th June and in order to show the popularity of the event the results of the various events are given in detail.

Coxless Fours for Seniors. (A novelty as far as Hereford is concerned).

1 st heat. (1)	Vesta R.C.	(2)	Twickenham.
final. (2)	Vesta R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke).

Wye Valley Vase for Seniors.

1 st heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Ross R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Hereford R.C. Crew as above with C.W. Slatter (Cox).
3 rd heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Redcliffe (scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Bristol Ariel (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Nottingham Union.
6 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Avon.
Final. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Royal Chester.

Hereford City plate for Seniors.

1 st heat. (1)	Royal Chester. (Bye)	(2)	Stratford. (ineligible after winning Wye Challenge Cup)
2 nd heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (scratched).
3 rd heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Nottingham Union (scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Redcliffe.
5 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Ross.
Final. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Royal Chester.

The Hereford crew was:- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke),
C.W. Slater (Cox).

Ladies Plate for Juniors.

1 st heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Penarth (scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Bewdley.
3 rd heat. (1)	Cardiff.	(2)	Taff.
4 th heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Worcester 'A'.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross.
6 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Clifton.
7 th heat. (1)	Worcester 'B'.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
8 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Maidenhead.

9 th heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Taff.
10 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Gloucester.
11 th heat.(1)	Worcester 'B'.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
Final. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Worcester 'B'.

The Hereford crew was:- P.E. Barnsley, P. Guest, W.H. Heathcote, H. Williams (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Redcliffe.
2 nd heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (On a foul).
3 rd heat. (1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Birmingham.
4 th heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Evesham.
Final. (1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Bewdley.

The Hereford crew was:- W.H. Thomas, A.B. Powell, J. Connell, E.H. Wheatstone (Stroke), C.A. Ivor (Cox).

Public School Race for Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'.	(2)	Monmouth Grammar School 'B'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'.	(2)	Monmouth Grammar School 'A'.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'.	(2)	Sir John Deane's Grammar School (Northwich).
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'.	(2)	Kings School, Chester.
Final. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'.	(2)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'.

Crews. Hereford Cathedral 'A'. E. Bettington, T.R. Holton, E.C.N. Adams, W.A. McLay (Stroke),
C.W. Slatter (Cox).
Hereford Cathedral 'B'. K.G.S. Green, F.P. Loughen, C.B. Hughes, F.J. Shearman (Stroke),
H.E. Maddox (Cox).

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	T.S. Bigland (Royal Chester).	(2)	L.R. Cockle (Pengwerne).
Final. (1)	K.N.F. Mackway (Twickenham).	(2)	T.S. Bigland.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	N. Drinkwater (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	R.L. Thompson (Taff), (scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	G.O. Norris (Gloucester).	(2)	F. Clifford (Stourport).
Final. (1)	N. Drinkwater.	(2)	G.O. Norris.

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	N.W. Slatter (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	W.H. New (Evesham).
2 nd heat. (1)	N. Drinkwater (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	R.S.T.S. Harvey (Worcester).
Final. (1)	N, Drinkwater.	(2)	N.W. Slatter.

Belmont Plate.

(1)	Ship.	(2)	Black Lion.
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In addition to the rowing events there were additional attractions including:- Crossing the Line, Motor Cycle Gymkhana with Musical Chairs, Relay Race, obstacle Race, Cigarette and Lemonade Race and a "Grand National". Stalls and sideshows contributed to the gaiety of the day.

Two days later, on 7th June came the Evesham Regatta, in which the President's Prize for Junior Sculls was won by a Hereford R.C. man, N. Drinkwater, who beat A.S. Markurch of Notts. Britannia. Two Hereford R.C. crews entered respectively for the Maiden and Junior Fours, but neither reached the finals.

The only available report of the Stourport Regatta on 28th June is the defeat of the Hereford R.C. crew by Birmingham in the County Members Plate, the losers being:- A.W. Slatter, F.J. Forth, J. Stooke-Vaughan, H.V. Diamond (Stroke), P. White (Cox).

At the Saltford Regatta on 19th July the Saltford Plate was won by the Hereford R.C. Senior crew composed of H. Williams, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox), who beat Clifton R.C. in the final.

In the Junior Sculls Norman Drinkwater won the Hughes-Garbett Challenge Vase, beating a Gloucester man. The Bath City Challenge Vase was won by Evesham who had beaten the Hereford Senior crew in a previous heat. The Hereford Maiden crew won in the first heat of the Freeman Challenge Vase, beating Clifton R.C., but accounts differ as to the final result. The Maiden crew was:- J.R. Brumbill, P.E. Barnsley, J. MacConnell, E.H. Wheatstone (Stroke), A. Ladd (Cox).

Occasional notes have been made regarding the tendency of family members to indulge in athletics. Here is another. S.C. Andrews has been repeatedly mentioned as captain of Hereford Rowing Club. His brother Trevor, aged 19, was selected early in August to run for the Combined English Universities at Darmstadt in Germany. He ran in the 100yards race for Oxford against Cambridge in 1930 and represented England at Stamford Bridge. Another brother t. Andrews played for his county hockey team and still another brother W. Andrews was a well known rugby player.

Two regattas were held on 26th July, 1930. In that at Agecroft the Veteran's Scull race was won by O.B. Wallis of Hereford R.C. At the Gloucester Regatta Hereford gained a splendid triumph by winning the West of England Challenge Vase for the second year in succession. In the first heat Gloucester were beaten, Bristol Ariel in the next heat and Evesham succumbed after a re-row. The Hereford crew was:- H. Williams, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), Heathcote (Cox). In the Norris Challenge Cuyp for Sculls both W.H. Heathcote and N. Drinkwater reached the final, Drinkwater beating his fellow Clubman. In the Gardner Challenge Cup the Hereford Maiden Four lost to Clifton in the first heat.

The Worcester Regatta on 2nd August attracted several Hereford entries. In the Spreckley Vase for Seniors, Hereford beat Penarth in one heat and also Stratford in the final by two lengths, the crew being:- H. Williams, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke).

The Maiden four lost to Worcester in the second heat.

Senior Sculls.

N. Drinkwater beat P. Meadows of Evesham, then beat C.H. Rixon of Ironbridge, but lost to E.V. Spencer of Royal Chester in the semi-final.

A very complete report of the Ross Regatta on 4th August exists, but detail mention will only be made of events concerning the Hereford Rowing Club.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours. No H.R.C. entry.

Fellows Cup for Junior Sculls.

3 rd heat.	(1)	W.H. Franklin (Gloucester).
	(2)	N. Drinkwater (Hereford R.C.).
Final.	(1)	Rixon (Ironbridge).
	(2)	W.H. Franklin.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

6 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Cardiff.
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11 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stourport.
14 th heat.(1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by 3 feet).
Final. (1)	Newark.	(2)	Bewdley.

Hereford crew:- J.E. Brumbill, T. Andrews, J. McConell, P.E. Barnsley (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars. No H.R.C. entry.

Deakin challenge Cup for Maiden Sculls. No H.R.C. entry.

Senior Fours.

2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross 'B'.
Final (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Hereford R.C. consisting of:- E. Bettington, W.H. Heathcote, S.C. Andrews, O.B. Wallis (Stroke), A.N. Other (Cox).

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls.

3 rd heat. (1)	Monmouth 'B'.	(2)	Hereford R.C. N. Slatter, Miss G. Harper (Stroke), Miss A. Gill (Cox).
Final (1)	Monmouth 'B'.	(2)	Ross.

At the Nottingham Regatta on 4th August the Hereford R.C. was beaten by Nottingham in the Victoria Gold Challenge Vase for Seniors, but won the Corporate Plate, beating Mersey R.C. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

A Herefordshire oarsman, whose name does not appear to have been mentioned previously, A. Clive of Whitfield is recorded in November as winning the Oxford University Challenge Sculls. Previously he rowed for Eton at Henley and was in the University race in 1930.

1930 concludes with some more family rowing news. R.H. Symonds and F. Symonds, second and third sons of N.V. Symonds of Bedford and nephews of Lt. Col. R.H. Symonds-Taylor of Hereford, who are both at Lady Margaret College, have been warned to be in residence early in January for the commencement of crew practice. R.H. Symonds was in the trial eights last year but just failed to get his blue, an honour previously granted to his elder brother

R.A. Symonds and other members of the Symonds family, including Lt. Col. Symonds-Taayler and N.V. Symonds. Another item of Hereford interest is that T.E. Pritchard, of Hereford, was coaching one of the Oxford trial eights.

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Little is heard of the Hereford rowing Club at the annual Sports Ball on 13th February, 1931, except that some of the decorations consisted of rowing equipment and that several members were present.

Of more direct interest to Herefordians is that R.H.H. Symonds was to row as number three in the Cambridge boat against Oxford on 28th March and that L. Clive was to be number six in the Oxford boat. R.H.H. Symonds and L. Clive have been mentioned at the close of 1930, but for Clive it was the second time he had rowed for his University. In addition he was now Secretary of the University Boat Club. F.N. Symonds was to be in reserve for the Cambridge crew, so that at the moment it was possible that two brothers might be in the same crew.

The Herford Cathedral School Regatta was held on 14th March and of the races three are worthy of note, the results being as follows:-

(1)	"Cambridge".	V. Holton, Morgan-Jones, Crocker, D. Evans (Stroke), Maddox (Cox).
(2)	"Oxford".	T. Jones, Sproule, Beauchamp, T.S. Davies (Stroke), Slatter (Cox).
(1)	School second crew.	D. Heathcote, Langford, A.D. Jones, Waters (Stroke), Maddox (Cox).
(2)	Old Herefordians.	P. Barnsley, J. Hall, W.H. Heathcote, J. Scott-Chard.
(1)	School.	J.F.C. Adams, G.W. Jones, C.D.B. Hughes, T.R. Holton (Stroke),

(2) Old Herefordians. C.W. Slatter (Cox).
 (Stroke), E. Bettington, H.W. Thompson, E.C.N. Adams, C.E. Crocker
 J.W. Scott-Chard (Cox).

With the exception of Thompson in place of W.A. McLay this is the same crew that won the Public School Cup at Marlow in 1929.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club in early April was scantily reported. Officers were elected as follows:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright;
Captain,	I.B.W. Lloyd;
Vice-captains,	H.W. Thompson and N.W. Slatter;
Treasurer,	A.H. Jones;
Assistant treasurer,	A.A. Smith;
Secretary,	R.C. Floyd.

Vacancies on the committee were filled by S.C. Andrews, F.N. Groom, Palfrey, Woodward, J. Moore, Watson and H. Williams. Once more the half guinea entrance fee was suspended for another year.

At a meeting to arrange preliminaries for the Hereford Regatta was held on 27th April, the Mayor, F. Lewis Smith presiding. The secretaries were to be Norman Groom and E. Watson. The 1930 regatta showed a profit of £61. 8s. 11d. Of this £20 was to be transferred to a reserve account. There was to be no motor cycle gymkhana this year. Admission was to be 2/0. Children 6d. Tickets could be bought in advance for 1/6.

The Regatta itself took place on 27th May, when it rained all the day. The attendance in consequence was poor. In the published results it so happens that no names of individual members of crews is given.

Coxless Fours for Seniors.

1 st heat. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Twickenham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Vesta, a bye.		
Final. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Vesta.

Wye Valley Challenge Cup. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Penarth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
Final. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Stratford.

Hereford City Plate. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Penarth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Mersey	(2)	Bristol.
Final. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by one foot).

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Ironbridge.
2 nd heat. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Monmouth.
3 rd heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Worcester.
4 th heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
5 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Mersey.
Final. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Derby.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Derwent	(2)	Clifton.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C 'A'.	(2)	Cardiff.
3 rd heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Monmouth.
4 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Stourport.
5 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Pengwerne.
6 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Bewdley.
7 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.
Final. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Evesham.

Mayor's Race. Pair oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	R.A.F. College.
2 nd heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Ross.
3 rd heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C..	(2)	Cardiff (Scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Birmingham.	(2)	Gloucester.
5 th heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Clifton.
6 th heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Bewdley.
Final. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Nottingham B.C.

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Twickenham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester.
Final. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C.

Junior Sculls.

(1)	Ross R.C.	(2)	Gloucester R.C.
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Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Clifton (Scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Penarth.
3 rd heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Stratford.
4 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Penarth.
Final. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Ross.

(Were there two representatives each of Clifton and Penarth?)

Public School Race. Chamber of Commerce Challenge Vase.

The only entry was that of Hereford Cathedral School, M.R. Crocker, J. Adams, T.R. Holton, H.J. Wade (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox).

Belmont Plate.

(1)	Ship 'A'.	(2)	Ship 'B'.
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In addition to the rowing events there was the customary complement of side shows and minor competitions.

The Evesham Regatta on 25th May attracted two entries from Hereford.

Evesham Val Challenge Trophy for Seniors.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Evesham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Nottingham Union.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Vesta (by one foot).

The Hereford crew was:- N.W. Slatter, H.W. Thompson, F.N. Groom, H. Williams (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).

Members Prize. Maidens.

Hereford R.C. lost in the first heat. No crew names mentioned.

In the Stourport Regatta on the 25th May the Hereford R.C. second Maiden Fours crew lost in the first heat to Stourport.

Summarised results of the Shrewsbury Regatta on 6th June are as follows.

Senior Race. Hereford R.C. beaten by Nottingham Union in the first heat.

Second Senior Race. Hereford R.C. beaten. (No heat specified).

Shrewsbury Plate. Hereford R.C. reached the final but was then beaten by Pengwerne, the crew being :-
N.W. Slatter, H.W. Thompson, F.N. Groom, H. Williams (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).

Senior Sculls. Hereford R.C. (N. Drinkwater) beaten by Liverpool Victoria (R. Edwards).

Junior Sculls. Ross (W.H. Heathcote, formerly of Hereford R.C.) beaten by Pengwerne (Lovat).

On 13th June two races were rowed between two crews each of the Hereford Cathedral and Worcester Cathedral Kings Schools. In the first the result was:-

(1)	Hereford Cathedral.	M.R. Crocker, F.F. Adams, A.D. James, T.R. Holton
(Stroke),		
		C.W. Slatter (Cox), winning by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.
(2)	Worcester.	

The result of the second race was:-

(1)	Worcester second crew,	winning by 2 lengths.
(2)	Hereford Cathedral second crew.	D.W. Heathcote, G.W. Jones, F. Langford, H.J Waters (Stroke), H.F. Maddox (Cox).

The Hereford Rowing Club competed in two events at the Monmouth regatta on 13th June with results as follows:-

Maiden Fours.

3 rd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Mumbles 'B'.
Final.	(1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Hereford R.C. G.H. Thomas, A. Searle, A.W.H. Powell, J.F. Whalley (Stoke).

Senior Fours.

2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Bristol Ariel, by $\frac{1}{2}$ length after a dead heat.
Final.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross, by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. N.W. Slatter, H.W. Thompson, F.N. Groom, H. Williams (Stroke).

In "The Hereford Journal" of Saturday 11th July, 1931, was printed a letter from R.C. Lloyd, the Hon. Sec. Of the Hereford Rowing Club.

"At a General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on Tuesday last, a resolution was passed.

- (a) That privilege tickets be granted to Ladies at a fee of 10/6d., to the end of the season 1931, entitling them to use the Hereford Rowing Club Pleasure Boats on Week Days, but without the right of taking up Gentlemen (other than members of the Hereford Rowing Club) who are resident in , or within ten miles of the City of Hereford.

- (b) That at the end of the 1931 season Ladies be invited to form a Ladies Club with headquarters at the Boathouse, and with rights of using the Hereford Rowing club Pleasure Boats on terms to be decided by the Hereford Rowing Club Committee.

Tickets can be obtained at the boathouse”.

At the Henley Regatta in July, L. Clive (of Whitfield Court, Hereford shire) together with H.R.A. Edwards, both of Christ Church, Oxford won for the second time the Pair Oars race for the Silver Goblets. On the first two days three nephews of Lt. Col. Symonds-Taylor engaged in the Ladies’ Challenge Cup, two rowing for Lady Margaret B.C., and the youngest for Clifton School, which beat Magdalen College on the first day.

On 11th July there was the first of a series of flannel dances to meet the deficit on the regatta which had been held in very poor weather.

Probably saving themselves for future events the Hereford Rowing Club made a poor showing at the Worcester Regatta on the 1st August, entering only for the Jubilee Challenge Cup for Maiden Fours and even scratching in favour of Stratford on Avon.

Two days later on Bank Holiday, 3rd August at the Ross Regatta the results were only slightly better as shown below.

Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	N.W. Slatter, F.N. Groom, I.B.W. Lloyd, H. Williams (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).
Final. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Penarth.	

Ross Challenge Cup. Junior Fours. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Cutler Challenge Vase. Pair Oars. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derwent.	
11 th heat.(1)	Mumbles.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	E.J. Chard, N. Drinkwater, D. MacConnel,
Final. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Mumbles.	P.E. Barnsley (Stroke), F. Bevan (Cox).

Fellows Cup. Junior Sculls. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Deakin Cup. Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Ironbridge.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (Scratched, no name recorded).
Final. (1)	Newark.	(2)	Stourport.

The Hereford Rowing Club held its closed regatta on 20th August in sever conditions of wind, rain and flood with the following results.

Bury Cup.

1 st heat. (1)	F.N. Groom.	(2)	W. Todd.
2 nd heat. (1)	J. Chard.	(2)	H.W. Powell.
3 rd heat. (1)	H. Williams.	(2)	P.E. Barnsley.
4 th heat. (1)	F.N. Groom.	(2)	D. Heathcote.
Final. (1)	H. Williams.	(2)	F.N. Groom.

Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	G.H. Thomas & W.A. Austwick.	(2)	N. W. Slatter & D. MacConnell.
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2 nd heat. (1)	P.E. Barnsley & I.B.W. Lloyd.	(2)	W.H. Todd & F.N. Groom.
3 rd heat. (1)	E.J. Chard & N. Drinkwater.	(2)	Thomas & Austwick.
Final (1)	Barnsley and Lloyd.	(2)	Chard & Drinkwater.

Double Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	N.W. Slatter & H. Williams.	(2)	I.B.W. Lloyd & A.J. Chapman.
2 nd heat. (1)	W.A. Austwick & D. MacConnell.	(2)	W.H. Todd & A.W.H. Powell.
3 rd heat. (1)	N. Drinkwater & P.E. Barnsley.	(2)	E.J. Chard & D. Heathcote.
4 th heat. (1)	N. Drinkwater & P.E. Barnsley.	(2)	Austwick & MacConnell.
5 th heat. (1)	N.W. Slatter & H. Williams.	(2)	G.H. Thomas & F.N. Groom (who had a bye
			earlier).
Final. (1)	N.W. Slatter & H. Williams	(2)	Drinkwater & Barnsley.

Scratch Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	H. Williams, A.W.H. Powell, D. MacConnell, D. Heathcote.
(2)	G.H. Thomas, E.J. Chard, N. Drinkwater, P.E. Barnsley.
Final. (1)	G.H. Thomas, E.J. Chard, N. Drinkwater, P.E. Barnsley.
(2)	W.A. Austwick, F.N. Groom, W.H. Todd, N. W. Slatter, (who had a bye earlier).

The coxwains were C.W. Slatter and F.H. Beavan.

The judges were J. Searle and R.Lloyd. Starters, W.R. Edwards and A. Searle. The day ended with flannel dance at the Booth Hall, Hereford.

A recently prominent Hereford oarsman, E. Bettington, met with a motor cycling accident on 21st September, suffering a broken leg in consequence. When at the Hereford Cathedral School he won the Junior Sculling cup in 1927 and the Symonds Cup in 1928 and 1929. He was one of the crew that won the Public School Challenge cup at Marlow in 1929, the latter cup not having been won by the Cathedral School since 1883. In this year, 1931, Bettington, who is aged 19, has been rowing for the Gloucester Rowing Club, he being engaged as a draughtsman apprentice at the Gloucester Aircraft Co.

A sadder misfortune to Hereford rowing and other athletic circles occurred on 27th December by the sudden death of H.J. Hammonds at the age of 62. He joined the Hereford Rowing Club as coxswain in 1886 and in the same year steered the Club to victory in the race for the Wye Vase. He was Captain of the Club for over 25 years and when he resigned in 1925 a presentation was awarded to him. He was at one time President of the Hereford Football League, Chairman of St. Martins Football Club, a Director of Hereford Athletic Ground Ltd., on the Committee of the Hereford United Football Club, being for a time Vice-chairman of the Club and Chairman of the Selection Committee. As if this was not enough, he was a Past President of the Hereford Bowling Club and acted as official Starter for the Ross Rowing Club for many years. Truly a notable all round sportsman.

1932

The annual Sports Ball, held regularly since 1903, was held on 30th January, 1932, when 160 persons were present. Noel Greenland and Norman Groom of the Hereford rowing Club acted as organisers and naturally rowing interests were displayed amongst the decorations.

With I.B.W. Lloyd in the chair the Annual General Meeting of the Rowing Club was held on 23rd February, 1932. In the report it was stated that during 1931 there had been three crews and two scullers on the water, but the results were not as good as in the two previous years. The Regatta had been a great success from the rowing point of view, but had been spoiled financially by wet weather.

The 1932 Regatta dates had been arranged as follows:-

14 th May.	Hereford.	2 nd July.	Ironbridge and Penarth.
16 th May.	Evesham and Stourport.	9 th July.	Cardiff and Derby.

28 th May.	Bewdley.	16 th July.	Chester, Loughborough and Gloucester.
4 th June.	Pengwerne.	23 rd July.	Bedford and Saltford.
11 th June.	Monmouth and Burton.	30 th July.	Worcester.
18 th June.	Barry and Stratford.	1 st August.	Ross and Nottingham.
25 th June.	Agecroft and Boston.		

A most serious loss to the Club was that of the death of H.J. Hammonds and the Club wished to express its deepest sympathy.

Turning to finance, the Club owed the bank £40 more than a year ago. There were no receipts from the Regatta as against £40. 13s. 11d. last year. The sum of £44 was returned income tax which would be non-recurrent. On the other hand £52 had been spent on boathouse repairs, which again would be non-recurrent.

It was decided that privilege tickets be issued to ladies for two guineas for the use of the Club's pleasure boats on weekdays and Sundays, but for one guinea only for weekdays. Endeavours were to be made to induce Hereford Cathedral and High School boys to become Junior Members for the holiday periods.

Officials were elected as follows:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright;
Vice-presidents,	L. Clive and W.E. Bulmer to be added to the list;
Captain,	N.W. Slatter;
Vice-captains,	H. Williams and Thompson;
Treasurer,	Herbert Jones;
Sub-treasurer,	A.A. Smith;
Secretary,	Floyd.
Committee vacancies,	O.B. Wallis, H. Smith, G.H.H. Watson, W.E. Bulmer (to retire in 1935), C. Collins
	and N. Drinkwater (to retire in 1933).

The Hereford Cathedral School Regatta was held on 5th March and the results of three races are recorded here since some familiar (and some to become familiar) names are mentioned.

The School First Four, H.J. Waters, D.W. Heathcote, A.D. James, M.R. Crocker (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox), beat the Old Herefordians First Four, F. Adams, T.R. Holton, E. Adams, C.E. Crocker (Stroke), J.W. Scott-Chard (Cox).

The School Second Four, T.A. Jones, Morgan-Jones, Spoule, Langford (Stroke), beat the Old Herefordians Second Four, Barnsley, P.E. Garton, E.P. Loughor, J.M. Hall (Stroke), J.W. Scott-Chard (Cox).

"Oxford", H.J. Waters, Langford, A.D. James, D.W. Heathcote (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox), beat "Cambridge", T. Jones, Morgan-Jones, Spoule, Crocker (Stroke), Maddox (Cox).

A meeting was held on 31st March with the Mayor, W.H. Wright presiding, to make arrangements for the Hereford Regatta to be held on Whit Saturday, 14th May, 1932. The profit on last year's regatta was £3. 11s. 3d. It was proposed that Senior Eights should compete at an entrance fee of four guineas for a prize worth £22. Another proposition was to delete the Belmont Plate event owing to poor entries and there were to be no professional side shows. A dance was to be organised by Messrs. R.C. Lloyd and A.W. Powell.

The regatta duly took place on 14th May, there being 63 entries, a record for Hereford. Among the numerous side shows were Skittling for a Pig, a Rifle Range, Clock Golf, cigarette Raffle, Cake Raffle, a Mascot, an Obstacle competition, and Refreshment Stalls. There was the usual long list of officials.

West of England Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Liverpool Victoria B.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Mersey R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Penarth (Scratched).
	N.W. Slatter, H.W. Thompson, J. Everdell, H. Williams (Stroke), R.S. Beavan (Cox).		
4 th heat. (1)	Mersey R.C. 'B'.	(2)	Ross R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Mersey R.C. 'A'.

6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Mersey R.C. 'B'. (By 2 lengths).
7 th heat. (1)	Stratford on Avon B.C.	(2)	Bristol Ariel R.C.
8 th heat. (1)	Vesta R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
9 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (By 1½ lengths).
10 th heat. (1)	Stratford on Avon B.C.	(2)	Vesta R.C.
Final. (1)	Stratford on Avon B.C.	(2)	Nottingham Union R.C.

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Maidenhead R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
	G. Watkins, F.L. Smith, W.J.D. Reynolds, A.H.W. Powell (Stroke), R.S. Beavan (Cox).		
2 nd heat. (1)	Newark R.C..	(2)	Gloucester R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Evesham R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Bristol Ariel R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Newark R.C.	(2)	Maidenhead (Disqualified).
6 th heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Bewdley R.C.
Final. (1)	Newark R.C.	(2)	Bewdley R.C.

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	C. Pease (Nottingham B.C.)	(2)	J.A. Edwards (Liverpool Victoria).
2 nd heat. (1)	N. Drinkwater (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	W.H. Heathcote (Gloucester).
Final. (1)	C. Pease.	(2)	N. Drinkwater (By 3 lengths).

Mayor's Race.

(1)	Loughborough B.C.	(2)	Taff R.C.
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Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	W.H. Franklin (Gloucester).	(2)	J. Muers (Penarth).
2 nd heat. (1)	C.G. Wardle (Nottingham B.C.)	(2)	F.N. Groom (Hereford R.C.)
3 rd heat. (1)	W. H. Franklin.	(2)	N. Grist (Gloucester).
Final. (1)	W.H. Franklin.	(2)	C.G. Wardle.

Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Clifton.
2 nd heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Stratford (scratched).
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Liverpool Victoria.
4 th heat. (1)	Mersey 'A'.	(2)	Vesta..
5 th heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Nottingham Union.
6 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Penarth.
7 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
8 th heat. (1)	Mersey 'A'	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
Final. (1)	Mersey 'A'	(2)	Royal Chester.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe.
	E.J. Chard, S.C. Duncan, R.T. Carver, J.G. Carver (Stroke), R. S. Beavan (Cox).		
2 nd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Royal Chester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Evesham.
4 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Cardiff (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Worcester.
6 th heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Ross.
Final. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by ¾ length).

Public Schools Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'. (2)	Monmouth School B.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'B' A Bye.	
Final. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A' (2)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'.

Hereford 'A' H.J. Waters, J. Morgan Jones, A.D. James, M.R. Crocker (Stroke), S.W. Slatter
(Cox).
Hereford 'B' T. Jones, F. Langford, J.D. Sproule, B. Aikens (Stroke), H.B. Evans (Cox).

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	L. Smith (Stratford). (2)	K. Moffatt (Gloucester).
2 nd heat. (1)	J.W. Storey (The Exiles). (2)	H.R.S. Cliford (Loughborough).
3 rd heat. (1)	R. Banford. (Monmouth). (2)	G. Niblett (Taff).
4 th heat. (1)	F.N. Groom (Hereford). (2)	S. Rowlands (Ironbridge).
5 th heat. (1)	E. Fletcher (Ironbridge). (2)	C. Hook (Monmouth).
6 th heat. (1)	L. Smith. (2)	A.G.L. Langfield (Ariel).
7 th heat. (1)	J.W. Storey (2)	R. Banford.
8 th heat. (1)	L. Smith. (2)	J.W. Storey.
9 th heat. (1)	F.N. Groom. (2)	E. Fletcher (by 2½ lengths).
Final. (1)	L. Smith. (2)	F.N. Groom (by 5lengths).

A remarkable feature of the Evesham Regatta on 16th May was that owing to a big flood all the coxswains on the competing craft wore lifebelts. The results available are rather scanty but are given below.

Junior Sculls. F.N. Groom of Hereford was by W.R. Ross of Hannington R.C., Oxford.

Senior Fours. The Vale of Evesham Trophy. The Hereford crew lost early on.

Senior fours. Market Gardeners Plate. The Hereford Senior four reached the final but lost to Vesta R.C.

Another Regatta of which only a few details are available was the one at Bewdley on 28th May, 1932. They are given below:-

Maiden Fours. Hereford R.C. beat Evesham in the first heat but lost later to Birmingham, who won the final. The Hereford crew was:- E.J. Chard, S. Duncan, T. Carver and J. Carver (Stroke).

Maiden Sculls. F.N. Groom lost to R. Storey of Loughborough who was awarded the benefit on a foul.

The same crew at Shrewsbury Regatta on 4th June, in the Maiden Fours, beat Pengwerne, Runcorn and Worcester in successive heats, but were beaten by Gloucester by the margin of half a length. This was in the Ladies Victory Challenge Vase.

At the Monmouth Regatta on 11th June the only Hereford entry was in the Irving Challenge Cup for Maiden Fours, in which they were successful.

1 st heat. (1)	Ross R.C. (2)	Barry 'A'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (2)	Barry 'B'.
	T. Carver, S. Duncan, D. MacConnell, J. Carver (Stroke).	
3 rd heat. (1)	Cardiff. (2)	Monmouth 'B'.
4 th heat. (1)	Monmouth 'A'. (2)	Bewdley.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (2)	Ross (by 1½ lengths).
6 th heat. (1)	Cardiff. (2)	Monmouth 'A' (by two feet).
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C. (2)	Cardiff (by two lengths).

The Henley Regatta of 1932 provided several items of interest to Herefordians, inasmuch as several familiar names appear.

L. Clive and R.A. Edwards, rowing for Christchurch College, Oxford, won the Silver Goblets and the Nichalls Challenge Cup for pairs. They won the final on Saturday against Gordonli Boat Club and have been selected by the Amateur Rowing Association to compete in the Olympic Regatta in August.

F.M. Symonds, rowing for Lady Margaret B.C., Cambridge, was defeated by Shrewsbury School in the 14th heat of the Ladies Plate on Friday.

R.V. Symonds stroked Bedford School Eight in another heat of the same event.

Both Symonds are brothers of R.A. Symonds who was a Cambridge rowing blue.

Saturday, 30th July, 1932, saw the Worcester Regatta when the Hereford representatives came tantalisingly near to victory in several events, but made no final wins.

Worcester Goblet and City Members Plate. Open Pairs.

F.N. Groom and H.W. Thompson lost to Worcester in the semi-final by half a length.
Severn Challenge Vase. Junior Fours.

Hereford R.C. beat Bewdley by 1½ lengths and Ross by 2½ lengths but were beaten by Burton Leander in the final. The crew was:- T. Carver, A.W. Powell, D. MacConnell, J. Carver (Stroke), R.F. Beavan (Cox).

Jubilee Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

Hereford R.C. beat Worcester but were beaten by Bewdley by four feet, the crew consisting of:- J. Chard, Lloyd Owen, P. Barnsley, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox).

Vigornia Cup. Maiden Sculls.

D. Heathcote lost by a short length to an Ironbridge man.

A measure of success attended the Hereford men at the Ross Regatta on 1st August as the following details show.

Ross Challenge Vase. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Ross 'A'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff.
	T. Carver, A.W. Powell, D. MacConnell, J. Carver (Stroke), R.F. Beavan (Cox).		
3 rd heat. (1)	Ulysses B.C.	(2)	Ross 'B' (scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Monmouth.	(2)	Bewdley.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ulysses (by 1 length).
Final;. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Monmouth (by two feet).

Smith-Watson Vase. Maiden Fours.

7 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Avon.
	J. Chard, L. Owen, P. Barnsley, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), R.F. Beavan (Cox).		
11 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derwent (by 3 lengths).

Deakin challenge cup. Maiden Sculls.

3 rd heat. (1)	L. Richardson (Hereford R.C.)	(2)	Monmouth (after a re-run due to a foul).
7 th heat. (1)	B.G. Davies (Hereford R.C.)	(2)	Ross.
10 th heat.(1)	Birmingham.	(2)	L. Richardson.
Final. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Birmingham.
(The record does not show what happened to B.G. Davies.)			

Cutler Challenge Vase. Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. F.N. Groom, H.W. Thompson R.F. Beavan (Cox).
(Stroke),			
Final. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Taff.

There were no Hereford entries for Senior fours, nor the Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls.

Again the family name of Symonds comes into the news, F.M. Symonds having won the Cambridge Coquouhn Sculls early in November. His father, Noel Symonds rowed for Cambridge in 1885 and 1886. His uncle rowed for Cambridge in 1888 and 1889, his eldest brother R.A. Symonds of Hereford in 1928 and another brother R.H.H. Symonds in 1931.

1933

In the course of a history covering a hundred years it is inevitable that the deaths will be recorded of many if not nearly all of the persons named in the earlier parts of the story. In February 1933 it is that of E.J. Hutton, who died on the 6th, aged 83. He was one of the founders of the revived Hereford Rowing Club in 1872 and a member of an early crew the other members being J.R. Symonds, F.C. Stebbings and F.MCAdam. After active rowing he became a Vice-president of the Hereford Rowing Club, a member of the Herefordshire Golf Club and Vice-president of the Hereford Bowling Club. He was an expert shot and fisherman and in addition was prominent in musical circles, being a member of the Hereford Orchestral Society, playing the violin, a member of the Hereford Operatic Society, acting in many leading roles, a member of the chorus of the Hereford Choral Society and a member of the chorus in the Three Choirs Festival. As if this was not sufficient he attained high degrees in Freemasonry.

Another loss to Hereford was that of Col. G.C. Bourne who died on 8th March, aged 73. He was Captain of the Eton college boat in 1880 and 1881, rowed for Oxford in 1882 and 1883. He was Secretary of the Oxford University Boat Club in 1884-1885 and coached Oxford for varying periods from 1885 to 1927, twelve of his crews being victorious. His son Capt. R.C. Bourne became M.P. for Oxford in 1924, having previously stroked the Oxford crew to victory in four successive years, 1909 to 1912 and acted as Secretary then President of Oxford University Boat Club.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 4th March, N.W. Slatter presiding, reference was made to the deaths of W.E. Bulmer, a Vice-president and former Captain, E.J. Hutton (whose career is mentioned above) and John Moore, a Committee member and Hon. Solicitor of the Club.

The club had been victorious on six occasions and the entries for the Regatta had been a record. Mr. Slatter had attended a meeting of the Provincial Rowing clubs on 3rd December, 1932, in Birmingham when dates for the 1933 regattas were fixed. They were:-

	27 th May.	Bewdley.	8 th July.	Derby and Monmouth.
	3 rd June.	Hereford.	15 th July.	Chester, Loughborough, Cardiff and
Taff.				
	5 th June.	Evesham and Stourport.	22 nd July	Gloucester and Bedford.
	10 th June.	Burton.	29 th July.	Saltford and Boston.
	17 th June.	Pengwerne and Penarth.	5 th August.	Worcester.
	24 th June.	Stratford.	7 th August.	Ross and Nottingham.
	1 st July.	Agecroft and Ironbridge.		

The excess of expenditure over income was £13. 10s. 0d. which increased the balance due to the bank to £251. 0s. 5d. The debt redemption fund now stood at £32. 6s. 3d.

Officers were elected as follows:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright;
Vice-presidents,	en bloc with the addition of O.B. Wallis;
Captain,	N.W. Slatter;
Sub-captains.	H.W. Thompson and H. Williams;
Treasurer,	H. Jones;
Sub-treasurer,	A.A. Smith,

Secretary, R.C. Floyd;
 Committee, N. Drinkwater, D.W. Harris, Collins, A.W.H. Powell, T. Carver and J. Carver.

Early in April a meeting was held to discuss the arrangements for the 1933 Regatta, the Mayor, B. Powell presiding. From the last Regatta there was a credit balance of £13 after £50 had been paid to the Hereford Rowing Club for the hire of equipment, etc. The Secretaries were Messrs. Watson and Williams and a programme was agreed with Messrs Floyd and Williams as secretaries for the dance at the Town Hall to conclude the events of the day.

At the Bewdley Regatta on 27th May, in the Bewdley Challenge Vase for Junior fours, the Hereford crew won the third heat, beating Stratford on Avon crew, but was beaten in the final by a quarter length by Evesham, the crew consisting of :- S.R. Whitfield, P.E. Barnsley, R. Carver, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), P.G. Russell (Cox).

A list of the results in detail of the Hereford regatta on 3rd June is appended.

Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Monmouth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Burton Leander.	(2)	Royal Chester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Derby.
4 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
5 th heat. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Worcester.
6 th heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Gloucester.
7 th heat. (1)	Burton.	(2)	Mersey.
Final. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Burton.

Then follows a gap in the records until 14th July, when at the Worcester Regatta there were two events in which Hereford competed. In the City Members Plate, Hereford won the first heat on a foul, but were beaten by Bridgnorth in the final. In the President's Plate and the Severn Challenge Vase they were beaten by Burton Leander who won in the final. In the Ladies Plate, Beaumont beat Taylor, but no club is indicated, neither is there any mention of the constituent members of the Hereford entrants.

H.E.H. Oakeley comes into the news again on 28th July at the Cambridge Amateur Regatta. He won the Open Sculls in an entry of 12 and stroked the winning boat in the Tub Pairs, but his crew lost in the final of the Scratch Fours. Incidentally he was spare man for this year's Cambridge crew.

There were great rejoicings in the Hereford camp on 1st August, 1898 when, at the Tewkesbury Regatta the Hereford Rowing Club crew won the much coveted Mythe Challenge Cup for juniors. Worcester was beaten in the second heat and Bristol in the final, the winning crew consisting of:-

L.C. Hatton, H.T. Owen, H.J. Nurse, S.J. Marchant (Stroke), T.P.B. Giles (Cox).

The distance was half a mile and the crew used a new clinker built boat with sliding seats. A celebration dinner was held on 24th August and congratulatory speeches were made.

Further success attended the same crew at the Ross Regatta in mid August, when competing for the Open Fours for a prize valued at 10 guineas, consisting of four sets of carvers. After the Hereford Junior crew had beaten the a Hereford Maiden crew in a preliminary heat, it went on to beat the Ross crew in the final by three lengths.

One of the difficulties met with in compiling this history is the presence of gaps in contemporary records in the local papers, may be owing to lack of space in the same week's issue. This makes the following item rather mysterious. The second annual regatta in connection with Jordan's Rowing Club took place on 25th August, the starter being T. Jordan and Judge, B. Beddoe.

Sculls Handicap.	(1)	H.P. Thirlwall.
	(2)	F.A. Robinson.
Double Sculls.	(1)	O.L. Bradley and J.B. Gardiner.

	(2)	F.P. Bullar and J. Strange.
Pair Oars.	(1)	F.W. Palfrey and W.H. Freeman.
	(2)	G.B. Gardiner and F.A. Robinson.
Canoe.	(1)	H.P. Thirlwall.
Watermans Race.	(1)	T. Preece and J. Thomas.

When was the Club formed and why? How long did it last? Is it a case of class distinction that was somewhat prevalent at the time?

To wind up the season of 1898 a combined Rowing and Swimming Club regatta was held on 8th September, the judges being H.C. Beddoe (Mayor of Hereford) and W.W.S. Davis; starters, S. Myer and H.J. Hammonds; umpire, H. Hatton.

Parker Challenge Cup, ½ mile handicap, with presentation medals.

- (1) W.T. Carless (scratch).
- (2) L. Hatton (scratch).

Handicap Pair Oars, ½ mile. Prizes given by the Club.

- (1) L.C. Hatton and A.E. Oakeley.
- (2) W.N. Phillips and A.W. Slatter.

Double Sculls, 1/3 mile for two tankards, given by W.W.S. Davis.

- (1) L.C. Hatton and H. Humphreys.
- (2) W.N. Phillips and W.P. Pritchard.

1929

1929 opened with the customary Sports Ball, the 25th of the series, on 8th February. Many of the decorations were symbolic of rowing and many Hereford Rowing Club members were present.

It is recorded that on 16th March, 1929, the "Cambridge" crew beat the "Oxford" crew at the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta, but no names were given. However there was another race, that between the School and Old Herefordians in which several familiar faces appear. The winners, the School, comprised; E. Bettington, C.R. Crocker, J.E.W. Scougall, E.C.N. Adams (Stroke), F. Adams (Cox). The losers were; T.G.E Price, L.B. James, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), J.W. Scott-Chard (Cox).

A fairly full account on the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 26th March, 1929, shows that W.E. Bulmer, was in the chair and his report included many interesting items. The Junior crew had won at Burton, Gloucester, Ross and Worcester. The Seniors reached the final at Evesham. The Maidens won at Hereford. The Open Pairs won at Gloucester and Worcester. Maidens Sculls at Shrewsbury. The Bury had been won by R. Stephens.

Caps were awarded to S. Parsons and I.B.W. Lloyd, with Junior Caps to Hayter, Portlock, Thompson and Palfrey. 17 new senior members and 12 new junior members had joined the Club.

It was decided that the half guinea fee for new members should be suspended for another year.

Officers were elected as follows:-

Captain,	S.C. Andrews (W.E. Bulmer having resigned).
Sub-captains,	Angus Wilson, H. Smith and I.B.W. Lloyd.

Treasurer, A.H. Jones.
 Sub-treasurer, R.W. Thomas.
 Secretary, R.C. Floyd.
 Committee, W.E. Bulmer, A. Blackmon, O.B. Wallis and C.H. Hayter for three years with F. Palfrey for two years and G. Gethin for one year.

It should be noted that the late treasurer and sub-treasurer, A.B. Naylor and T. Winter had both resigned, having left Hereford.

The President J.S. Arkwright was again elected and an additional Vice-president G.H. Neale was also elected.

The financial position was given briefly as below:-

Subscriptions.	£199. 17s. 0d	
Rent of Meadow.	73. 10s. 0d	
Sale of boat.	<u>27. 10s. 0d</u>	
Total receipts.	£316. 4s. 9d.	(I know these figures do not add up but they are a direct
Expenses	£266. 1s. 5d.,	copy from the original document. Ed.) the chief item being £130 for the attendant.

The balance due to the treasurer was reduced from £883. 10s. 11d. to £883. 7s. 6d. The assets exceeded liabilities by £758. 1s. 3d.

The loss on last years Regatta was £16, the gate money having fallen from £40 to £35.

Regatta fixtures for 1929 were announced as follows.

18 th May.	Hereford	6 th July.	Nottingham, Ironbridge.
20 th May.	Evesham.	13 th July.	Derby, Cardiff.
1 st June.	Bewdley.	17 th July.	Chester.
8 th June.	Burton.	20 th July.	Loughborough, Gloucester.
15 th June.	Penarth, Stourport.	27 th July.	Bedford, Saltford, Agecroft.
22 nd June.	Stratford, Mumbles.	3 rd August.	Worcester.
27 th June.	Shrewsbury.	5 th August.	Ross.
29 th June.	Boston.		

At a meeting in the town Hall, Hereford, the Mayor, T.W. Goodwin presiding, in early April, R.C. Floyd and F.N. Groom were elected as secretaries for the forthcoming Hereford Regatta to take place on 18th May. On the day of the Regatta itself an impressive list of entries was announced - as will be evidenced in the detailed list of results - together with many motor cycle events, such as Gymkhana, Football Match, Tug-of-War, Grand National, Blindfold race for Cars, and Musical Chairs for motor cycles.

Wye Challenge Vase for Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Clifton.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Thames (by 4 lengths).
3 rd heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Redcliffe.
4 th heat. (1)	Bristol University.	(2)	Avon.
5 th heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by ¾ length).
Final. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Bristol University.

The Hereford crew was:- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Hereford City Plate for Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Bristol University.
2 nd heat. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Clifton.
3 rd heat.	Byes for Hereford, Liverpool Victoria and Redcliffe.		
4 th heat. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Avon.

5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe. By 2 lengths.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Thames. By 3 lengths.

Ladies Plate with Hereford Times Vase for Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Worcester.
2 nd heat.	Byes for Hereford, Stratford, Gloucester, Ironbridge, Cardiff, Ross, Bristol Ariel.		
3 rd heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Gloucester.
4 th heat. (1)	Ironbridge.	(2)	Cardiff.
5 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
6 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
7 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Stratford.
8 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Ironbridge.
Final. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Ross.

The Hereford crew was:- W.R. Edwards, A.B. Blackmon, H.G. Shaw, F.N. Groom (Stroke), W. Ayer (Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Redcliffe.	(2)	Pengwerne.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'	(2)	Taff.
4 th heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Worcester.
5 th heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Redcliffe.
6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'	(2)	Derby.
Hereford 'A'	R.S. Edwards, W. Andrews, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox).		
Hereford 'B'	H. Fenton, E.H. Wheatstone, J. Chard, J.E. Brumbill (Stroke), W. James (Cox).		

Public School Race.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Stratford, King Edward School.
Final. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Monmouth Grammar School.

Hereford crew:- L. Bettington, W.A. McLay, E.C.N. Adams, C.E. Crocker (Stroke), F>F.J.C. Adams (Cox).

Mayor's Race.

(1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Taff.
No Hereford entry.			

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (O.B. Wallis).
2 nd heat.	Agecroft, a bye.		
Final. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Agecroft.

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Agecroft.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (C. Jefferson).
2 nd heat.	Ironbridge, a bye.		
3 rd heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Worcester.
4 th heat. (1)	Ironbridge.	(2)	Agecroft.
Final. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Ironbridge, by five lengths.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Worcester (scratched).
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2 nd heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Stourport 'A'.
3 rd heat.	Byes for Stourport 'B' and Hereford R.C. (J. Drinkwater).		
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stourport 'B'.
5 th heat. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Gloucester.
Final. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Hereford R.C.

Belmont Plate.

(1)	Black Lion.	(2)	Bulmers.
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This race was run twice. After an initial protest the losers made no effort to win.

Two days later came the Evesham Regatta on 25th May, 1929. The Market Gardeners Plate was won by the Hereford Rowing Club consisting of W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, L.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox), who beat Evesham by two lengths in the final. In the Junior Fours the Hereford crew won three heats but lost by 1½ lengths to Trent R.C. in the final, the crew comprising R.S. Edwards, W. Andrews, W.H. Heathcote, J.M. Hall (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox). In the Junior Sculls C. Jefferson of Hereford reached the semi-final.

The Burton Regatta on 8th June was the first occasion on which the Hereford Rowing Club won the Bass Challenge Vase, valued at 350 guineas, for Senior Fours, the crew being:- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Equally satisfactory were the next two events in which the Hereford Cathedral School competed. On 15th June Worcester Kings School was beaten at Hereford and on the 22nd the same Cathedral crew competed at Marlow in the Public School Race with the following result:-

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Strode.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Tonbridge (last year's winner).
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Bedford Modern.
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Winchester.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Cheltenham.
Final. (1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Tiffin School.

The crew was E. Bettington, W.A. McLay, E.C.N. Adams, C.E. Croker (Stroke), F.F.J.C. Adams (Cox).

The Stratford Regatta was held on 22nd June, when the Hereford R.C. Senior crew won the Kings Trophy Challenge Vase by beating successively Derby, Evesham and Burton Leander, the crew being:- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Woods (Cox). The Junior crew however lost to Ironbridge in its first heat, consisting of R.E. Edwards, W. Andrews, W. Heathcote, F.N. Groom (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox).

At the Shrewsbury Regatta on 27th June the only Hereford R.C. entries appear to have been for individual sculls. In the Isle Challenge Vase race for Junior Sculls C. Jefferson lost to E. Edwards of Ross in the fourth heat. In the Sabrina Challenge Cup race for Maiden Sculls (won last year by C. Jefferson) H. Williams (Hereford) lost to C.W. Guilding (Gloucester) in the second heat and N. Drinkwater (Hereford) lost to V.H. Lewis (Pengwerne) in the third heat.

In early July a proposition was made that the Hereford County Council should buy the Rowing Club regatta meadow and an adjoining meadow for £850 on certain conditions. It was to be let to the Rowing Club for three days for the regatta at a rent of one shilling per annum. At the end of 21 years the Club was to have the right to repurchase the meadow for £850 and if it was resold later half the profit was to go to the Council.

Hereford was well represented at the University Centenary Boat Race Dinner in July by Col. G.C. Bourne and Capt. R.C. Bourne M.P., who together had rowed and won six times for Oxford. Also there was P. Symonds, his brother R.A. Symonds and the son of the former, R.A. Symonds, who had all rowed for Cambridge.

The Gloucester Regatta was held on 20th July with the following results.

Senior Fours.

Hereford beat Redcliffe, Gloucester and Bath Avon, the crew consisting of :- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox).

Junior Fours.

Hereford R.C. beat Cardiff but lost to Evesham in the semi-final, the winning crew being Stratford who beat Evesham in the final. The Hereford crew was:- R.S.F. Edwards, W. Andrews, W.H. Heathcote, F.N. Groom (Stroke), D. Heathcote (Cox).

Maiden Sculls.

N. Drinkwater (H.R.C.) lost to C.W. Guilding (Gloucester. T.R. Stephens (H.R.C.) lost to J. Morris (Liverpool Victoria).

The Saltford Regatta on 27th July witnessed a victory for the Hereford Senior crew in the Bath City Challenge Vase race. Consisting of W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke) and G.Wood (Cox), the crew beat the existing holders, Monkton School B.C. in the second and Bath Avon R.C. in the final.

In the Ariel Challenge Vase for Junior Fours the Hereford crew scratched in favour of Monkton School.

A notable victory was that of the same Senior crew at Worcester Regatta on 3rd August, winning the West of England Challenge Vase by beating successively Bristol Avon and Liverpool Victoria.

In the Junior Sculls C. Jefferson (Hereford) had to admit defeat by a representative of Liverpool Victoria. A similar fate awaited N. Drinkwater (Hereford), also defeated by Liverpool Victoria in the Maiden Sculls. W.H. Heathcote (Hereford), who had beaten in turn men from Worcester, Evesham and Liverpool, was beaten by an Old Bedfordian in the final of the same event.

Only a brief list of results in the Ross Regatta of 5th August will be given here as the Hereford Rowing Club played no prominent part in the proceedings.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours.

(1) Stratford. (2) Evesham.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

(1) Bristol Redcliffe. (2) Stratford-on-Avon.

Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls.

(1) G.F. Williams (Ironbridge). (2) F.W. Watts (Rosss).

Deaken Challenge Cup for Maiden Sculls.

After ten heats the result was:

(1) W.H. Heathcote (Hereford). (2) H.R. Turner (Bewdley).

In early December 1929 the familiar name of Symonds appears once more. R.H. Symonds, a younger brother of R.A. Symonds and a nephew of Col. R.H. Symonds- Taylor was asked to remain in residence at his university for a few days prior to 6th January, when practice is to be started on the river Cam at Cambridge. R.A. Symonds, just mentioned was in the Cambridge crew in 1928.

As with other forms of athletics it is common to find that outstanding exponents have achieved success in later life in other directions. As an instance Frank Owen, elected M.P. for Hereford in late 1929, stroked the Hereford crew that won the West of England Challenge Vase in 1925 and rowed for his college in the Henley Regatta. Not only these, but later in 1930 he played rugby for the Hereford team and offered to play later as permitted by his other duties.

There is little to note about the annual Hereford Rowing Club dinner on 18th February, 1930, when the Mayoress, Mrs. L.H. Luard presided, except that in the speeches it was told that the Senior crew had won the principal trophies at Hereford, Evesham, Burton, Stratford, Gloucester, Saltford and Worcester during 1929, making seven victories in eight attempts. The West of England Challenge Vase had been won three times in ten years,* a record of which any club might well be proud.

(*According to the records in the 'Rowing Almanac' the West of England Challenge Vase was won by Hereford R.C. in 1920 at Worcester, 1922 at Saltford, 1926 again at Saltford, in 1929 at Worcester and in 1930 at Gloucester.)

No great part was made by the Rowing Club in the Annual Sports Ball on 28th February except the decorations which included oars and other signs of rowing activities.

In March 1930 the Hereford Cathedral School's fund permitted the purchase of two tub pairs from Tims of Oxford and a light clinker four from the Worcester Kings School. The total expenditure was £189. 6s. 9d. Together with the boys subscriptions of £22. 7s. 0d. the total fund amounted to £222. 19s. 9d. leaving a balance of £33. 13s. 0d. for future use.

In the Hereford Cathedral School Regatta on 22nd March there were two races of record as mentioning the names of some prospective members of the Hereford Rowing Club. The results are summarised as follows:-

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| (1) | "Oxford". | A.D. Jones, Murray, Powne-Jones, F. Adams (Stroke), D.P. Gunn (Cox). |
| (2) | "Cambridge". | Langford, Akerman, Kendrick, G.W. Jones (Stroke), Slatter (Cox). |
| (1) | School IV. | E. Bettington, W.A. McLay, E.C.N. Adams, F.J. Shearman (Stroke),
D. Heathcote (Cox). |
| (2) | Old Herefordians. | P.E. Barnsley, R.S.F. Edwards, W.H. Heathcote, J.M.Hall (Stroke),
R.J.A. Poole (Cox). |

The Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club was held on 28th March, S.C. Andrews presiding. He announced that the list of successes in 1929 had been a record. The Club had been represented at the following regattas.

Seniors. Hereford, Evesham, Burton-on-Trent, Stourport, Stratford, Gloucester, Saltford and Worcester, being uniformly successful, gaining at the last named regatta The West of England Challenge Vase.

Juniors. Hereford, Evesham (reaching the final), Stourport, Stratford, Cardiff and Gloucester.

Maidens. Hall's crew and Brumbill's crew. Hereford (Hall's crew won), Stourport, Evesham (Hall's crew reached the final in Junior Fours).

Pair Oars. Ross.

Senior Sculls. Hereford (O.B. Wallis).

Junior Sculls. Hereford and Evesham (C. Jefferson).

Maiden Sculls.	Hereford	(N. Drinkwater).
	Stourport	(N. Drinkwater and H. Williams who reached the semi-final).
	Shrewsbury	(-Ditto- -Ditto-).
	Gloucester	(-Ditto- and R.R. Stephens).
	Worcester	(-Ditto- and W.H. Heathcote who reached the final).

Ross (-Ditto- and W.H. Heathcote who won).

Bury Cup. N. Drinkwater.

During the past season senior caps were awarded to C.H. Hayter, H.W. Thompson and W.J. Portlock. There were 33 new members. 18 members had resigned or been struck off the list. The treasurer, R.W. Thomas had left the district. The Regatta Meadow had been sold to the Hereford County Council for use as a playground for the Hereford High School for Boys, but with the Club's rights to use it for regattas. Dates had been agreed for the 1930 regattas as follows:-

31 st May.	Shrewsbury.	5 th July.	Nottingham, Ironbridge, Barry.
7 th June.	Hereford.	12 th July.	Derby, Cardiff, Taff.
9 th June.	Evesham	26 th July.	Agcroft, Bedford, Gloucester.
14 th June.	Burton, Bewdley.	2 nd August.	Worcester.
21 st June.	York, Stratford, Penarth.	4 th August.	Ross, Lancaster.

Subscriptions had amounted to £182. 15s. 0d. Total receipts £214. 5s. 0d. Expenditure had been £319, the chief item being the waterman's wages £130. The balance due to the treasurer was increased from £833 to £938. The assets, including the boat house site, club house, boats and regatta meadow (£850) exceeded the liabilities by £785. 10s. 5d.

Officials elected.

President,	J.S. Arkwright;
Captain,	S.G. Andrews;
Sub-captains,	I.B.W. Lloyd and Harry Smith;
Treasurer,	A. Herbert Jones;
Secretary,	Floyd;

H.F. Owen M.P. was added to the list of Vice-presidents.

The half guinea entrance fee was suspended for another year.

A sad loss to the Club was the death in April of F. Groom whose house had been the headquarters of the Hereford Rowing Club, in which he took a great interest. He was the father of Norman Groom, who in addition to rowing, was a prominent member of the Hereford Rugby Club.

The West of England Challenge Vase comes into the news again in April, when Gloucester acquired a share in it. The Vase contest was inaugurated in 1877 by Bath, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Tewkesbury and Worcester for competition on rotation at their various regattas. Tewkesbury dropped out after some years and ceased to hold amateur regattas. Now that Gloucester are eligible the Vase will be competed for at the Gloucester Regatta on the Castle Reach on 26th July. It may be noted that Hereford never won the trophy until 1920, but since then they have won it in 1922 at Saltford, in 1926 again at Saltford, and in 1929 at Worcester.

Some financial details of the 1929 Regatta were disclosed at a meeting in the Town Hall on 12th May, The Mayoress, Mrs. Luard presiding, when R.C. Floyd and F.N. Groom were appointed secretaries for the 1930 regatta.

Income was £311. 0s. 9d. Subscriptions £73. Entrance fees £44. Gate money £31. Tickets £16. Teas £33. Town Hall Dance £48.

Expenditure was; Tax £15. Wages £15. Boat racing prizes £60. Erection of tents etc. £30. Printing and advertising etc. £40. Total expenditure £257. 17s. 5d. Leaving a balance in hand of £54. 3s. 5d.

The Hereford Regatta took place on 7th June and in order to show the popularity of the event the results of the various events are given in detail.

Coxless Fours for Seniors. (A novelty as far as Hereford is concerned).

1 st heat. (1)	Vesta R.C.	(2)	Twickenham.
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final.	(2)	Vesta R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke).
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Wye Valley Vase for Seniors.

1 st heat.	(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Ross R.C.	
2 nd heat.	(1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	Crew as above with C.W. Slatter
(Cox).					
3 rd heat.	(1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Redcliffe	(scratched).
4 th heat.	(1)	Avon.	(2)	Bristol Ariel	(scratched).
5 th heat.	(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Nottingham Union.	
6 th heat.	(1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Avon.	
Final.	(1)	Stratford.	(2)	Royal Chester.	

Hereford City plate for Seniors.

1 st heat.	(1)	Royal Chester. (Bye)	(2)	Stratford.	(ineligible after winning Wye Challenge Cup)
2 nd heat.	(1)	Ross.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	(scratched).
3 rd heat.	(1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Nottingham Union	(scratched).
4 th heat.	(1)	Avon.	(2)	Redcliffe.	
5 th heat.	(1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Ross.	
Final.	(1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Royal Chester.	

The Hereford crew was:- W.J. Portlock, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke),
C.W. Slater (Cox).

Ladies Plate for Juniors.

1 st heat.	(1)	Stourport.	(2)	Penarth	(scratched).
2 nd heat.	(1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Bewdley.	
3 rd heat.	(1)	Cardiff.	(2)	Taff.	
4 th heat.	(1)	Avon.	(2)	Worcester 'A'.	
5 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross.	
6 th heat.	(1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Clifton.	
7 th heat.	(1)	Worcester 'B'.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.	
8 th heat.	(1)	Stourport.	(2)	Maidenhead.	
9 th heat.	(1)	Avon.	(2)	Taff.	
10 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Gloucester.	
11 th heat.	(1)	Worcester 'B'.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	
Final.	(1)	Stourport.	(2)	Worcester 'B'.	

The Hereford crew was:- P.E. Barnsley, P. Guest, W.H. Heathcote, H. Williams (Stroke), F. Beavan
(Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

1 st heat.	(1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Redcliffe.	
2 nd heat.	(1)	Evesham.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	(On a foul).
3 rd heat.	(1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Birmingham.	
4 th heat.	(1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Evesham.	
Final.	(1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Bewdley.	

The Hereford crew was:- W.H. Thomas, A.B. Powell, J. Connell, E.H. Wheatstone (Stroke), C.A. Ivor
(Cox).

Public School Race for Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup.

1 st heat.	(1)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'.	(2)	Monmouth Grammar School 'B'.	
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2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'.	(2)	Monmouth Grammar School 'A'.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'.	(2)	Sir John Deane's Grammar School (Northwich).
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'.	(2)	Kings School, Chester.
Final. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'.	(2)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'.

Crews. Hereford Cathedral 'A'. E. Bettington, T.R. Holton, E.C.N. Adams, W.A. McLay (Stroke),
C.W. Slatter (Cox).
Hereford Cathedral 'B'. K.G.S. Green, F.P. Loughen, C.B. Hughes, F.J. Shearman (Stroke),
H.E. Maddox (Cox).

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	T.S. Bigland (Royal Chester).	(2)	L.R. Cockle (Pengwerne).
Final. (1)	K.N.F. Mackway (Twickenham).	(2)	T.S. Bigland.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	N. Drinkwater (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	R.L. Thompson (Taff), (scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	G.O. Norris (Gloucester).	(2)	F. Clifford (Stourport).
Final. (1)	N. Drinkwater.	(2)	G.O. Norris.

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	N.W. Slatter (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	W.H. New (Evesham).
2 nd heat. (1)	N. Drinkwater (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	R.S.T.S. Harvey (Worcester).
Final. (1)	N. Drinkwater.	(2)	N.W. Slatter.

Belmont Plate.

(1)	Ship.	(2)	Black Lion.
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In addition to the rowing events there were additional attractions including:- Crossing the Line, Motor Cycle Gymkhana with Musical Chairs, Relay Race, obstacle Race, Cigarette and Lemonade Race and a "Grand National". Stalls and sideshows contributed to the gaiety of the day.

Two days later, on 7th June came the Evesham Regatta, in which the President's Prize for Junior Sculls was won by a Hereford R.C. man, N. Drinkwater, who beat A.S. Markurch of Notts. Britannia. Two Hereford R.C. crews entered respectively for the Maiden and Junior Fours, but neither reached the finals.

The only available report of the Stourport Regatta on 28th June is the defeat of the Hereford R.C. crew by Birmingham in the County Members Plate, the losers being:- A.W. Slatter, F.J. Forth, J. Stooke-Vaughan, H.V. Diamond (Stroke),
P. White (Cox).

At the Saltford Regatta on 19th July the Saltford Plate was won by the Hereford R.C. Senior crew composed of H. Williams, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), G. Wood (Cox), who beat Clifton R.C. in the final.

In the Junior Sculls Norman Drinkwater won the Hughes-Garbett Challenge Vase, beating a Gloucester man. The Bath City Challenge Vase was won by Evesham who had beaten the Hereford Senior crew in a previous heat. The Hereford Maiden crew won in the first heat of the Freeman Challenge Vase, beating Clifton R.C., but accounts differ as to the final result. The Maiden crew was:- J.R. Brumbill, P.E. Barnsley, J. MacConnell, E.H. Wheatstone (Stroke),
A. Ladd (Cox).

Occasional notes have been made regarding the tendency of family members to indulge in athletics. Here is another. S.C. Andrews has been repeatedly mentioned as captain of Hereford Rowing Club. His brother Trevor, aged 19, was selected early in August to run for the Combined English Universities at Darmstadt in Germany. He ran in the 100yards race for Oxford against Cambridge in 1930 and represented England at Stamford Bridge.

Another brother t. Andrews played for his county hockey team and still another brother W. Andrews was a well known rugby player.

Two regattas were held on 26th July, 1930. In that at Agecroft the Veteran's Scull race was won by O.B. Wallis of Hereford R.C. At the Gloucester Regatta Hereford gained a splendid triumph by winning the West of England Challenge Vase for the second year in succession. In the first heat Gloucester were beaten, Bristol Ariel in the next heat and Evesham succumbed after a re-row. The Hereford crew was:- H. Williams, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke), Heathcote (Cox). In the Norris Challenge Cuyp for Sculls both W.H. Heathcote and N. Drinkwater reached the final, Drinkwater beating his fellow Clubman. In the Gardner Challenge Cup the Hereford Maiden Four lost to Clifton in the first heat.

The Worcester Regatta on 2nd August attracted several Hereford entries. In the Spreckley Vase for Seniors, Hereford beat Penarth in one heat and also Stratford in the final by two lengths, the crew being:- H. Williams, H.W. Thompson, I.B.W. Lloyd, C.H. Hayter (Stroke).

The Maiden four lost to Worcester in the second heat.

Senior Sculls.

N. Drinkwater beat P. Meadows of Evesham, then beat C.H. Rixon of Ironbridge, but lost to E.V. Spencer of Royal Chester in the semi-final.

A very complete report of the Ross Regatta on 4th August exists, but detail mention will only be made of events concerning the Hereford Rowing Club.

Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours. No H.R.C. entry.

Fellows Cup for Junior Sculls.

3 rd heat.	(1)	W.H. Franklin (Gloucester).
	(2)	N. Drinkwater (Hereford R.C.).
Final.	(1)	Rixon (Ironbridge).
	(2)	W.H. Franklin.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours.

6 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Cardiff.
11 th heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stourport.
14 th heat.	(1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by 3 feet).
Final.	(1)	Newark.	(2)	Bewdley.

Hereford crew:- J.E. Brumbill, T. Andrews, J. McConell, P.E. Barnsley (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars. No H.R.C. entry.

Deakin challenge Cup for Maiden Sculls. No H.R.C. entry.

Senior Fours.

2 nd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross 'B'.
Final	(1)	Penarth.	(2)	Hereford R.C. consisting of:- E. Bettington, W.H. Heathcote, S.C. Andrews, O.B. Wallis (Stroke), A.N. Other (Cox).

Ladies and Gents Mixed Sculls.

3 rd heat.	(1)	Monmouth 'B'.	(2)	Hereford R.C. N. Slatter, Miss G. Harper (Stroke), Miss A. Gill (Cox).
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Final (1) Monmouth 'B'. (2) Ross.

At the Nottingham Regatta on 4th August the Hereford R.C. was beaten by Nottingham in the Victoria Gold Challenge Vase for Seniors, but won the Corporate Plate, beating Mersey R.C. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

A Herefordshire oarsman, whose name does not appear to have been mentioned previously, A. Clive of Whitfield is recorded in November as winning the Oxford University Challenge Sculls. Previously he rowed for Eton at Henley and was in the University race in 1930.

1930 concludes with some more family rowing news. R.H. Symonds and F. Symonds, second and third sons of N.V. Symonds of Bedford and nephews of Lt. Col. R.H. Symonds-Taylor of Hereford, who are both at Lady Margaret College, have been warned to be in residence early in January for the commencement of crew practice. R.H. Symonds was in the trial eights last year but just failed to get his blue, an honour previously granted to his elder brother

R.A. Symonds and other members of the Symonds family, including Lt. Col. Symonds-Taayler and N.V. Symonds. Another item of Hereford interest is that T.E. Pritchard, of Hereford, was coaching one of the Oxford trial eights.

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Little is heard of the Hereford rowing Club at the annual Sports Ball on 13th February, 1931, except that some of the decorations consisted of rowing equipment and that several members were present.

Of more direct interest to Herefordians is that R.H.H. Symonds was to row as number three in the Cambridge boat against Oxford on 28th March and that L. Clive was to be number six in the Oxford boat. R.H.H. Symonds and L. Clive have been mentioned at the close of 1930, but for Clive it was the second time he had rowed for his University. In addition he was now Secretary of the University Boat Club. F.N. Symonds was to be in reserve for the Cambridge crew, so that at the moment it was possible that two brothers might be in the same crew.

The Hereford Cathedral School Regatta was held on 14th March and of the races three are worthy of note, the results being as follows:-

(1)	"Cambridge".	V. Holton, Morgan-Jones, Crocker, D. Evans (Stroke), Maddox (Cox).
(2)	"Oxford".	T. Jones, Sproule, Beauchamp, T.S. Davies (Stroke), Slatter (Cox).
(1)	School second crew.	D. Heathcote, Langford, A.D. Jones, Waters (Stroke), Maddox (Cox).
(2)	Old Herefordians.	P. Barnsley, J. Hall, W.H. Heathcote, J. Scott-Chard.
(1)	School.	J.F.C. Adams, G.W. Jones, C.D.B. Hughes, T.R. Holton (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox).
(2)	Old Herefordians.	E. Bettington, H.W. Thompson, E.C.N. Adams, C.E. Crocker (Stroke), J.W. Scott-Chard (Cox).

With the exception of Thompson in place of W.A. McLay this is the same crew that won the Public School Cup at Marlow in 1929.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club in early April was scantily reported. Officers were elected as follows:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright;
Captain,	I.B.W. Lloyd;
Vice-captains,	H.W. Thompson and N.W. Slatter;
Treasurer,	A.H. Jones;
Assistant treasurer,	A.A. Smith;
Secretary,	R.C. Floyd.

Vacancies on the committee were filled by S.C. Andrews, F.N. Groom, Palfrey, Woodward, J. Moore, Watson and H. Williams. Once more the half guinea entrance fee was suspended for another year.

At a meeting to arrange preliminaries for the Hereford Regatta was held on 27th April, the Mayor, F. Lewis Smith presiding. The secretaries were to be Norman Groom and E. Watson. The 1930 regatta showed a profit of £61. 8s. 11d. Of this £20 was to be transferred to a reserve account. There was to be no motor cycle gymkhana this year. Admission was to be 2/0. Children 6d. Tickets could be bought in advance for 1/6.

The Regatta itself took place on 27th May, when it rained all the day. The attendance in consequence was poor. In the published results it so happens that no names of individual members of crews is given.

Coxless Fours for Seniors.

1 st heat. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Twickenham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Vesta, a bye.		
Final. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Vesta.

Wye Valley Challenge Cup. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Penarth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
Final. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Stratford.

Hereford City Plate. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Penarth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Mersey	(2)	Bristol.
Final. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by one foot).

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Ironbridge.
2 nd heat. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Monmouth.
3 rd heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Worcester.
4 th heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
5 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Mersey.
Final. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Derby.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Derwent	(2)	Clifton.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Cardiff.
3 rd heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Monmouth.
4 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Stourport.
5 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Pengwerne.
6 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Bewdley.
7 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.
Final. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Evesham.

Mayor's Race. Pair oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	R.A.F. College.
2 nd heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Ross.
3 rd heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C..	(2)	Cardiff (Scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Birmingham.	(2)	Gloucester.
5 th heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Clifton.
6 th heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Bewdley.
Final. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Nottingham B.C.

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Twickenham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester.
Final. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C.

Junior Sculls.

(1)	Ross R.C.	(2)	Gloucester R.C.
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Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Clifton (Scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Penarth.
3 rd heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Stratford.
4 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Penarth.
Final. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Ross.

(Were there two representatives each of Clifton and Penarth?)

Public School Race. Chamber of Commerce Challenge Vase.

The only entry was that of Hereford Cathedral School, M.R. Crocker, J. Adams, T.R. Holton, H.J. Wade (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox).

Belmont Plate.

(1)	Ship 'A'.	(2)	Ship 'B'.
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In addition to the rowing events there was the customary complement of side shows and minor competitions.

The Evesham Regatta on 25th May attracted two entries from Hereford.

Evesham Val Challenge Trophy for Seniors.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Evesham.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Nottingham Union.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Vesta (by one foot).

The Hereford crew was:- N.W. Slatter, H.W. Thompson, F.N. Groom, H. Williams (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).

Members Prize. Maidens.

Hereford R.C. lost in the first heat. No crew names mentioned.

In the Stourport Regatta on the 25th May the Hereford R.C. second Maiden Fours crew lost in the first heat to Stourport.

Summarised results of the Shrewsbury Regatta on 6th June are as follows.

Senior Race. Hereford R.C. beaten by Nottingham Union in the first heat.

Second Senior Race. Hereford R.C. beaten. (No heat specified).

Shrewsbury Plate. Hereford R.C. reached the final but was then beaten by Pengwerne, the crew being :- N.W. Slatter, H.W. Thompson, F.N. Groom, H. Williams (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).

Senior Sculls. Hereford R.C. (N. Drinkwater) beaten by Liverpool Victoria (R. Edwards).

Junior Sculls. Ross (W.H. Heathcote, formerly of Hereford R.C.) beaten by Pengwerne (Lovat).

On 13th June two races were rowed between two crews each of the Hereford Cathedral and Worcester Cathedral Kings Schools. In the first the result was:-

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| (1) | Hereford Cathedral. | M.R. Crocker, F.F. Adams, A.D. James, T.R. Holton |
| | | C.W. Slatter (Cox), winning by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. |
| (2) | Worcester. | |

The result of the second race was:-

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| (1) | Worcester second crew, | winning by 2 lengths. |
| (2) | Hereford Cathedral second crew. | D.W. Heathcote, G.W. Jones, F. Langford,
H.J Waters (Stroke), H.F. Maddox (Cox). |

The Hereford Rowing Club competed in two events at the Monmouth regatta on 13th June with results as follows:-

Maiden Fours.

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| 3 rd heat. (1) | Hereford R.C. | (2) | Mumbles 'B'. |
| Final. (1) | Bristol Ariel. | (2) | Hereford R.C. G.H. Thomas, A. Searle,
A.W.H. Powell, J.F. Whalley (Stoke). |

Senior Fours.

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| 2 nd heat. (1) | Hereford R.C. | (2) | Bristol Ariel, by $\frac{1}{2}$ length after a dead heat. |
| Final. (1) | Hereford R.C. | (2) | Ross, by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.
N.W. Slatter, H.W. Thompson, F.N. Groom, H. Williams (Stroke). |

In "The Hereford Journal" of Saturday 11th July, 1931, was printed a letter from R.C. Lloyd, the Hon. Sec. Of the Hereford Rowing Club.

"At a General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on Tuesday last, a resolution was passed.

- (a) That privilege tickets be granted to Ladies at a fee of 10/6d., to the end of the season 1931, entitling them to use the Hereford Rowing Club Pleasure Boats on Week Days, but without the right of taking up Gentlemen (other than members of the Hereford Rowing Club) who are resident in , or within ten miles of the City of Hereford.
- (b) That at the end of the 1931 season Ladies be invited to form a Ladies Club with headquarters at the Boathouse, and with rights of using the Hereford Rowing club Pleasure Boats on terms to be decided by the Hereford Rowing Club Committee.

Tickets can be obtained at the boathouse".

At the Henley Regatta in July, L. Clive (of Whitfield Court, Hereford shire) together with H.R.A. Edwards, both of Christ Church, Oxford won for the second time the Pair Oars race for the Silver Goblets. On the first two days three nephews of Lt. Col. Symonds-Taylor engaged in the Ladies' Challenge Cup, two rowing for Lady Margaret B.C., and the youngest for Clifton School, which beat Magdalen College on the first day.

On 11th July there was the first of a series of flannel dances to meet the deficit on the regatta which had been held in very poor weather.

Probably saving themselves for future events the Hereford Rowing Club made a poor showing at the Worcester Regatta on the 1st August, entering only for the Jubilee Challenge Cup for Maiden Fours and even scratching in favour of Stratford on Avon.

Two days later on Bank Holiday, 3rd August at the Ross Regatta the results were only slightly better as shown below.

Senior Fours.

1 st heat.	(1)	Penarth.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	N.W. Slatter, F.N. Groom, I.B.W. Lloyd, H. Williams (Stroke), F. Beavan (Cox).
Final.	(1)	Ross.	(2)	Penarth.	

Ross Challenge Cup. Junior Fours. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Cutler Challenge Vase. Pair Oars. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

3 rd heat.	(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derwent.	
11 th heat.	(1)	Mumbles.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	E.J. Chard, N. Drinkwater, D. MacConnel,
Final.	(1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Mumbles.	P.E. Barnsley (Stroke), F. Bevan (Cox).

Fellows Cup. Junior Sculls. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Deakin Cup. Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	Ironbridge.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	(Scratched, no name recorded).
Final.	(1)	Newark.	(2)	Stourport.	

The Hereford Rowing Club held its closed regatta on 20th August in sever conditions of wind, rain and flood with the following results.

Bury Cup.

1 st heat.	(1)	F.N. Groom.	(2)	W. Todd.
2 nd heat.	(1)	J. Chard.	(2)	H.W. Powell.
3 rd heat.	(1)	H. Williams.	(2)	P.E. Barnsley.
4 th heat.	(1)	F.N. Groom.	(2)	D. Heathcote.
Final.	(1)	H. Williams.	(2)	F.N. Groom.

Pair Oars.

1 st heat.	(1)	G.H. Thomas & W.A. Austwick.	(2)	N. W. Slatter & D. MacConnell.
2 nd heat.	(1)	P.E. Barnsley & I.B.W. Lloyd.	(2)	W.H. Todd & F.N. Groom.
3 rd heat.	(1)	E.J. Chard & N. Drinkwater.	(2)	Thomas & Austwick.
Final	(1)	Barnsley and Lloyd.	(2)	Chard & Drinkwater.

Double Sculls.

1 st heat.	(1)	N.W. Slatter & H. Williams.	(2)	I.B.W. Lloyd & A.J. Chapman.
2 nd heat.	(1)	W.A. Austwick & D. MacConnell.	(2)	W.H. Todd & A.W.H. Powell.
3 rd heat.	(1)	N. Drinkwater & P.E. Barnsley.	(2)	E.J. Chard & D. Heathcote.
4 th heat.	(1)	N. Drinkwater & P.E. Barnsley.	(2)	Austwick & MacConnell.
5 th heat.	(1)	N.W. Slatter & H. Williams.	(2)	G.H. Thomas & F.N. Groom (who had a bye earlier).
Final.	(1)	N.W. Slatter & H. Williams	(2)	Drinkwater & Barnsley.

Scratch Fours.

1 st heat.	(1)	H. Williams, A.W.H. Powell, D. MacConnell, D. Heathcote.
	(2)	G.H. Thomas, E.J. Chard, N. Drinkwater, P.E. Barnsley.
Final.	(1)	G.H. Thomas, E.J. Chard, N. Drinkwater, P.E. Barnsley.
	(2)	W.A. Austwick, F.N. Groom, W.H. Todd, N. W. Slatter, (who had a bye earlier).

The coxwains were C.W. Slatter and F.H. Beavan.

The judges were J. Searle and R.Lloyd. Starters, W.R. Edwards and A. Searle. The day ended with flannel dance at the Booth Hall, Hereford.

A recently prominent Hereford oarsman, E. Bettington, met with a motor cycling accident on 21st September, suffering a broken leg in consequence. When at the Hereford Cathedral School he won the Junior Sculling cup in 1927 and the Symonds Cup in 1928 and 1929. He was one of the crew that won the Public School Challenge cup at Marlow in 1929, the latter cup not having been won by the Cathedral School since 1883. In this year, 1931, Bettington, who is aged 19, has been rowing for the Gloucester Rowing Club, he being engaged as a draughtsman apprentice at the Gloucester Aircraft Co.

A sadder misfortune to Hereford rowing and other athletic circles occurred on 27th December by the sudden death of H.J. Hammonds at the age of 62. He joined the Hereford Rowing Club as coxswain in 1886 and in the same year steered the Club to victory in the race for the Wye Vase. He was Captain of the Club for over 25 years and when he resigned in 1925 a presentation was awarded to him. He was at one time President of the Hereford Football League, Chairman of St. Martins Football Club, a Director of Hereford Athletic Ground Ltd., on the Committee of the Hereford United Football Club, being for a time Vice-chairman of the Club and Chairman of the Selection Committee. As if this was not enough, he was a Past President of the Hereford Bowling Club and acted as official Starter for the Ross Rowing Club for many years. Truly a notable all round sportsman.

1932

The annual Sports Ball, held regularly since 1903, was held on 30th January, 1932, when 160 persons were present. Noel Greenland and Norman Groom of the Hereford rowing Club acted as organisers and naturally rowing interests were displayed amongst the decorations.

With I.B.W. Lloyd in the chair the Annual General Meeting of the Rowing Club was held on 23rd February, 1932. In the report it was stated that during 1931 there had been three crews and two scullers on the water, but the results were not as good as in the two previous years. The Regatta had been a great success from the rowing point of view, but had been spoiled financially by wet weather.

The 1932 Regatta dates had been arranged as follows:-

14 th May.	Hereford.	2 nd July.	Ironbridge and Penarth.
16 th May.	Evesham and Stourport.	9 th July.	Cardiff and Derby.
28 th May.	Bewdley.	16 th July.	Chester, Loughborough and Gloucester.
4 th June.	Pengwerne.	23 rd July.	Bedford and Saltford.
11 th June.	Monmouth and Burton.	30 th July.	Worcester.
18 th June.	Barry and Stratford.	1 st August.	Ross and Nottingham.
25 th June.	Agecroft and Boston.		

A most serious loss to the Club was that of the death of H.J. Hammonds and the Club wished to express its deepest sympathy.

Turning to finance, the Club owed the bank £40 more than a year ago. There were no receipts from the Regatta as against £40. 13s. 11d. last year. The sum of £44 was returned income tax which was would be non-recurrent. On the other hand £52 had been spent on boathouse repairs, which again would be non-recurrent.

It was decided that privilege tickets be issued to ladies for two guineas for the use of the Club's pleasure boats on weekdays and Sundays, but for one guinea only for weekdays. Endeavours were to be made to induce Hereford Cathedral and High School boys to become Junior Members for the holiday periods.

Officials were elected as follows:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright;
Vice-presidents,	L. Clive and W.E. Bulmer to be added to the list;
Captain,	N.W. Slatter;
Vice-captains,	H. Williams and Thompson;
Treasurer,	Herbert Jones;

Sub-treasurer, A.A. Smith;
 Secretary, Floyd.
 Committee vacancies, O.B. Wallis, H. Smith, G.H.H. Watson, W.E. Bulmer (to retire in 1935), C. Collins
 and N. Drinkwater (to retire in 1933).

The Hereford Cathedral School Regatta was held on 5th March and the results of three races are recorded here since some familiar (and some to become familiar) names are mentioned.

The School First Four, H.J. Waters, D.W. Heathcote, A.D. James, M.R. Crocker (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox), beat the Old Herefordians First Four, F. Adams, T.R. Holton, E. Adams, C.E. Crocker (Stroke), J.W. Scott-Chard (Cox).

The School Second Four, T.A. Jones, Morgan-Jones, Spoule, Langford (Stroke), beat the Old Herefordians Second Four, Barnsley, P.E. Garton, E.P. Loughor, J.M. Hall (Stroke), J.W. Scott-Chard (Cox).

“Oxford”, H.J. Waters, Langford, A.D. James, D.W. Heathcote (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox), beat “Cambridge”, T. Jones, Morgan-Jones, Sproule, Crocker (Stroke), Maddox (Cox).

A meeting was held on 31st March with the Mayor, W.H. Wright presiding, to make arrangements for the Hereford Regatta to be held on Whit Saturday, 14th May, 1932. The profit on last years regatta was £3. 11s. 3d. It was proposed that Senior Eights should compete at an entrance fee of four guineas for a prize worth £22. Another proposition was to delete the Belmont Plate event owing to poor entries and there were to be no professional side shows. A dance was to be organised by Messrs. R.C. Lloyd and A.W. Powell.

The regatta duly took place on 14th May, there being 63 entries, a record for Hereford. Among the numerous side shows were Skittling for a Pig, a Rifle Range, Clock Golf, cigarette Raffle, Cake Raffle, a Mascot, an Obstacle competition, and Refreshment Stalls. There was the usual long list of officials.

West of England Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Liverpool Victoria B.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Mersey R.C. ‘A’.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Penarth (Scratched).
	N.W. Slatter, H.W. Thompson, J. Everdell, H. Williams (Stroke), R.S. Beavan (Cox).		
4 th heat. (1)	Mersey R.C. ‘B’.	(2)	Ross R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Mersey R.C. ‘A’.
6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Mersey R.C. ‘B’. (By 2 lengths).
7 th heat. (1)	Stratford on Avon B.C.	(2)	Bristol Ariel R.C.
8 th heat. (1)	Vesta R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
9 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (By 1½ lengths).
10 th heat. (1)	Stratford on Avon B.C.	(2)	Vesta R.C.
Final. (1)	Stratford on Avon B.C.	(2)	Nottingham Union R.C.

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Maidenhead R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
	G. Watkins, F.L. Smith, W.J.D. Reynolds, A.H.W. Powell (Stroke), R.S. Beavan (Cox).		
2 nd heat. (1)	Newark R.C..	(2)	Gloucester R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Evesham R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Bristol Ariel R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Newark R.C.	(2)	Maidenhead (Disqualified).
6 th heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Bewdley R.C.
Final. (1)	Newark R.C.	(2)	Bewdley R.C.

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	C. Pease (Nottingham B.C.)	(2)	J.A. Edwards (Liverpool Victoria).
2 nd heat. (1)	N. Drinkwater (Hereford R.C.).	(2)	W.H. Heathcote (Gloucester).
Final. (1)	C. Pease.	(2)	N. Drinkwater (By 3 lengths).

Mayor's Race.

(1)	Loughborough B.C.	(2)	Taff R.C.
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Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	W.H. Franklin (Gloucester).	(2)	J. Muers (Penarth).
2 nd heat. (1)	C.G. Wardle (Nottingham B.C.)	(2)	F.N. Groom (Hereford R.C.)
3 rd heat. (1)	W. H. Franklin.	(2)	N. Grist (Gloucester).
Final. (1)	W.H. Franklin.	(2)	C.G. Wardle.

Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Clifton.
2 nd heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Stratford (scratched).
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Liverpool Victoria.
4 th heat. (1)	Mersey 'A'.	(2)	Vesta..
5 th heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Nottingham Union.
6 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Penarth.
7 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
8 th heat. (1)	Mersey 'A'	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
Final. (1)	Mersey 'A'	(2)	Royal Chester.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe.
	E.J. Chard, S.C. Duncan, R.T. Carver, J.G. Carver (Stroke), R. S. Beavan (Cox).		
2 nd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Royal Chester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Evesham.
4 th heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Cardiff (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Worcester.
6 th heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Ross.
Final. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by ¾ length).

Public Schools Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'.	(2)	Monmouth School B.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'	A Bye.	
Final. (1)	Hereford Cathedral 'A'	(2)	Hereford Cathedral 'B'.

Hereford 'A' H.J. Waters, J. Morgan Jones, A.D. James, M.R. Crocker (Stroke), S.W. Slatter (Cox).

Hereford 'B' T. Jones, F. Langford, J.D. Sproule, B. Aikens (Stroke), H.B. Evans (Cox).

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	L. Smith (Stratford).	(2)	K. Moffatt (Gloucester).
2 nd heat. (1)	J.W. Storey (The Exiles).	(2)	H.R.S. Clifford (Loughborough).
3 rd heat. (1)	R. Banford. (Monmouth).	(2)	G. Niblett (Taff).
4 th heat. (1)	F.N. Groom (Hereford).	(2)	S. Rowlands (Ironbridge).
5 th heat. (1)	E. Fletcher (Ironbridge).	(2)	C. Hook (Monmouth).
6 th heat. (1)	L. Smith.	(2)	A.G.L. Langfield (Ariel).
7 th heat. (1)	J.W. Storey	(2)	R. Banford.
8 th heat. (1)	L. Smith.	(2)	J.W. Storey.
9 th heat. (1)	F.N. Groom.	(2)	E. Fletcher (by 2½ lengths).
Final. (1)	L. Smith.	(2)	F.N. Groom (by 5lengths).

A remarkable feature of the Evesham Regatta on 16th May was that owing to a big flood all the coxswains on the competing craft wore lifebelts. The results available are rather scanty but are given below.

Junior Sculls. F.N. Groom of Hereford was by W.R. Ross of Hannington R.C., Oxford.

Senior Fours. The Vale of Evesham Trophy. The Hereford crew lost early on.

Senior fours. Market Gardeners Plate. The Hereford Senior four reached the final but lost to Vesta R.C.

Another Regatta of which only a few details are available was the one at Bewdley on 28th May, 1932. They are given below:-

Maiden Fours. Hereford R.C. beat Evesham in the first heat but lost later to Birmingham, who won the final. The Hereford crew was:- E.J. Chard, S. Duncan, T. Carver and J. Carver (Stroke).

Maiden Sculls. F.N. Groom lost to R. Storey of Loughborough who was awarded the benefit on a foul.

The same crew at Shrewsbury Regatta on 4th June, in the Maiden Fours, beat Pengwerne, Runcorn and Worcester in successive heats, but were beaten by Gloucester by the margin of half a length. This was in the Ladies Victory Challenge Vase.

At the Monmouth Regatta on 11th June the only Hereford entry was in the Irving Challenge Cup for Maiden Fours, in which they were successful.

1 st heat. (1)	Ross R.C.	(2)	Barry 'A'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Barry 'B'.
	T. Carver, S. Duncan, D. MacConnell, J. Carver (Stroke).		
3 rd heat. (1)	Cardiff.	(2)	Monmouth 'B'.
4 th heat. (1)	Monmouth 'A'.	(2)	Bewdley.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross (by 1½ lengths).
6 th heat. (1)	Cardiff.	(2)	Monmouth 'A' (by two feet).
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Cardiff (by two lengths).

The Henley Regatta of 1932 provided several items of interest to Herefordians, inasmuch as several familiar names appear.

L. Clive and R.A. Edwards, rowing for Christchurch College, Oxford, won the Silver Goblets and the Nichalls Challenge Cup for pairs. They won the final on Saturday against Gordonli Boat Club and have been selected by the Amateur Rowing Association to compete in the Olympic Regatta in August.

F.M. Symonds, rowing for Lady Margaret B.C., Cambridge, was defeated by Shrewsbury School in the 14th heat of the Ladies Plate on Friday.

R.V. Symonds stroked Bedford School Eight in another heat of the sae event.

Both Symonds are brothers of R.A. Symonds who was a Cambridge rowing blue.

Saturday, 30th July, 1932, saw the Worcester Regatta when the Hereford representatives came tantalisingly near to victory in several events, but made no final wins.

Worcester Goblet and City Members Plate. Open Pairs.

F.N. Groom and H.W. Thompson lost to Worcester in the semi-final by half a length. Severn Challenge Vase. Junior Fours.

Hereford R.C. beat Bewdley by 1½ lengths and Ross by 2½ lengths but were beaten by Burton Leander in the final. The crew was:- T. Carver, A.W. Powell, D. MacConnell, J. Carver (Stroke), R.F. Beavan (Cox).

Jubilee Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

Hereford R.C. beat Worcester but were beaten by Bewdley by four feet, the crew consisting of:- J. Chard, Lloyd Owen, P. Barnsley, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), C.W. Slatter (Cox).

Vigornia Cup. Maiden Sculls.

D, Heathcote lost by a short length to an Ironbridge man.

A measure of success attended the Hereford men at the Ross Regatta on 1st August as the following details show.

Ross Challenge Vase. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Ross 'A'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff.
	T. Carver, A.W. Powell, D. MacConnell, J. Carver (Stroke), R.F. Beavan (Cox).		
3 rd heat. (1)	Ulysses B.C.	(2)	Ross 'B' (scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Monmouth.	(2)	Bewdley.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ulysses (by 1 length).
Final;. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Monmouth (by two feet).

Smith-Watson Vase. Maiden Fours.

7 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Avon.
	J. Chard, L. Owen, P. Barnsley, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), R.F. Beavan (Cox).		
11 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derwent (by 3 lengths).

Deakin challenge cup. Maiden Sculls.

3 rd heat. (1)	L. Richardson (Hereford R.C.)	(2)	Monmouth (after a re-run due to a foul).
7 th heat. (1)	B.G. Davies (Hereford R.C.)	(2)	Ross.
10 th heat.(1)	Birmingham.	(2)	L. Richardson.
Final. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Birmingham.

(The record does not show what happened to B.G. Davies.)

Cutler Challenge Vase. Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. F.N. Groom, H.W. Thompson (Stroke), R.F. Beavan (Cox).
Final. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Taff.

There were no Hereford entries for Senior fours, nor the Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls.

Again the family name of Symonds comes into the news, F.M. Symonds having won the Cambridge Coquouhn Sculls early in November. His father, Noel Symonds rowed for Cambridge in 1885 and 1886. His uncle rowed for Cambridge in 1888 and 1889, his eldest brother R.A. Symonds of Hereford in 1928 and another brother R.H.H. Symonds in 1931.

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In the course of a history covering a hundred years it is inevitable that the deaths will be recorded of many if not nearly all of the persons named in the earlier parts of the story. In February 1933 it is that of E.J. Hutton, who died on the 6th, aged 83. He was one of the founders of the revived Hereford Rowing Club in 1872 and a member of an early crew the other members being J.R. Symonds, F.C. Stebbings and F.MCAdam. After active rowing he became a Vice-president of the Hereford Rowing Club, a member of the Herefordshire Golf Club and Vice-president of the Hereford Bowling Club. He was an expert shot and fisherman and in addition was prominent in musical circles, being a member of the Hereford Orchestral Society, playing the violin, a member of the Hereford Operatic Society, acting in many leading roles, a member of the chorus of the Hereford Choral

Society and a member of the chorus in the Three Choirs Festival. As if this was not sufficient he attained high degrees in Freemasonry.

Another loss to Hereford was that of Col. G.C. Bourne who died on 8th March, aged 73. He was Captain of the Eton college boat in 1880 and 1881, rowed for Oxford in 1882 and 1883. He was Secretary of the Oxford University Boat Club in 1884-1885 and coached Oxford for varying periods from 1885 to 1927, twelve of his crews being victorious. His son Capt. R.C. Bourne became M.P. for Oxford in 1924, having previously stroked the Oxford crew to victory in four successive years, 1909 to 1912 and acted as Secretary then President of Oxford University Boat Club.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 4th March, N.W. Slatter presiding, reference was made to the deaths of W.E. Bulmer, a Vice-president and former Captain, E.J. Hutton (whose career is mentioned above) and John Moore, a Committee member and Hon. Solicitor of the Club.

The club had been victorious on six occasions and the entries for the Regatta had been a record. Mr. Slatter had attended a meeting of the Provincial Rowing clubs on 3rd December, 1932, in Birmingham when dates for the 1933 regattas were fixed. They were:-

	27 th May.	Bewdley.	8 th July.	Derby and Monmouth.
	3 rd June.	Hereford.	15 th July.	Chester, Loughborough, Cardiff and
Taff.				
	5 th June.	Evesham and Stourport.	22 nd July	Gloucester and Bedford.
	10 th June.	Burton.	29 th July.	Salford and Boston.
	17 th June.	Pengwerne and Penarth.	5 th August.	Worcester.
	24 th June.	Stratford.	7 th August.	Ross and Nottingham.
	1 st July.	Agecroft and Ironbridge.		

The excess of expenditure over income was £13. 10s. 0d. which increased the balance due to the bank to £251. 0s. 5d. The debt redemption fund now stood at £32. 6s. 3d.

Officers were elected as follows:-

President,	J.S. Arkwright;
Vice-presidents,	en bloc with the addition of O.B. Wallis;
Captain,	N.W. Slatter;
Sub-captains.	H.W. Thompson and H. Williams;
Treasurer,	H. Jones;
Sub-treasurer,	A.A. Smith,
Secretary,	R.C. Floyd;
Committee,	N. Drinkwater, D.W. Harris, Collins, A.W.H. Powell, T. Carver and J.
Carver.	

Early in April a meeting was held to discuss the arrangements for the 1933 Regatta, the Mayor, B. Powell presiding. From the last Regatta there was a credit balance of £13 after £50 had been paid to the Hereford Rowing Club for the hire of equipment, etc. The Secretaries were Messrs. Watson and Williams and a programme was agreed with Messrs Floyd and Williams as secretaries for the dance at the Town Hall to conclude the events of the day.

At the Bewdley Regatta on 27th May, in the Bewdley Challenge Vase for Junior fours, the Hereford crew won the third heat, beating Stratford on Avon crew, but was beaten in the final by a quarter length by Evesham, the crew consisting of :- S.R. Whitfield, P.E. Barnsley, R. Carver, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), P.G. Russell (Cox).

A list of the results in detail of the Hereford regatta on 3rd June is appended.

Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Monmouth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Burton Leander.	(2)	Royal Chester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Derby.
4 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.

5 th heat. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Worcester.
6 th heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Gloucester.
7 th heat. (1)	Burton.	(2)	Mersey.
Final. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Burton.

Hereford City Plate for Losers in the Wye Challenge Vase.

1 st heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Monmouth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
3 rd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Gloucester.
4 th heat. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Burton Leander (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Royal Chester.
6 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Mersey.
Final. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Worcester.

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Clifton.
2 nd heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Cardiff.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Birmingham.
4 th heat. (1)	Ariel.	(2)	Gloucester.
5 th heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Evesham.
6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ariel.
Final. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Hereford (by 1¼ lengths).

Hereford crew:- R. Carver, P.E. Barnsley, S.R. Whitfield, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), P. Russell (Cox).

Hereford Times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Taff (scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Maidenhead.	(2)	Cardiff.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bristol University.	(2)	Ross.
4 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Ariel (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Penarth.
6 th heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Evesham.
7 th heat. (1)	Bristol University.	(2)	Maidenhead.
8 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stourport.
9 th heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Bristol University.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Nottingham B.C.

Hereford crew:- G. Watkins, J. Rawlings, F.L. Smith, T. Barnes (Stroke), P. Morris (Cox).

Mayor's Race. Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Thames R.C.	(2)	Newark.
2 nd heat. (1)	Loughborough	(2)	Cardiff.
3 rd heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Thames R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Nottingham Union.
Final. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Bewdley.

Senior Sculls.

(1)	Gloucester (W.H. Franklin.)	(2)	Loughborough (J.W. Storey).
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Public Schools Fours.

(1)	Hereford Cathedral School 'A'.	T. Jones, H.J. Morgan, D.W. Heathcote, D.F. Jones (Stroke), D. Lloyd (Cox).
(2)	Hereford Cathedral School 'B'.	F. Langford, J.D. Spoule, G. Aikens,

R. Allsop (Stroke), J.D. Hayden (Cox).

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Bristol University.
2 nd heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Monmouth.
3 rd heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Stratford.
4 th heat. (1)	Nottingham.	(2)	Taff.
Final. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Nottingham.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford (L Richardson).	A bye.	
2 nd heat. (1)	Maidenhead 'A'.	(2)	Royal Chester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Maidenhead 'B'.	(2)	Loughborough.
4 th heat. (1)	Ross (W.C. Davies).	(2)	Taff.
5 th heat. (1)	York City.	(2)	Ross (J. Butcher).
6 th heat. (1)	Maidenhead 'A'.	(2)	Hereford (L. Richardson).
7 th heat. (1)	Ross (W.C. Davies).	(2)	Maidenhead 'B'.
8 th heat. (1)	York City.	(2)	Hereford (E.J. Chard).
9 th heat. (1)	Ross (J. Butcher).	A bye.	
10 th heat.(1)	Ross (W.C. Davies).	(2)	Maidenhead 'A'.
11 th heat.(1)	York City.	(2)	Ross (J. Butcher).
Final. (1)	Ross (W.C. Davies).	(2)	York City.

The day ended with a dance at the Town Hall.

At Burton regatta on 10th June Hereford R.C. was represented in the Junior Fours by R. Carver, P. Barnsley, S. R. Whitfield and N. Drinkwater (Stroke). After beating Burton in an early heat the crew was defeated in the final by Birmingham by a quarter length after leading for part of the way.

Arising from the presentation to Norman W. Slatter, the Hereford R.C. Captain, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Harper on 15th June is a note of his athletic and other activities, thus confirming what has been previously stated, namely that a rowing man is not necessarily confined to one sphere of activity. At the time Mr. Slatter was a Vice-president of Hereford City Football Club, a member of the Hockey Club and of the Wye Valley Automobile Club, for which latter he has ridden in national and international competitions. He was a member of the Hereford Amateur Operatic Society and Chairman of the Junior Imperial League.

At the Stratford Regatta on 24th June a Hereford R.C. crew competed in the Junior Fours with the following result:-

(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stratford 'B'.
(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derby.
(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Evesham.

The final resulted in a dead heat with Stratford 'A', who had a bye in the first round. A re-row resulted in a win by Stratford. The Hereford crew was:- G. Watkins, P. Rawlings, F.N.P. Smith*, T. Barnes (Stroke), P. Morris (Cox). (*Should F.N.P. Smith be F. Lewis Smith?).

A Hereford R.C. crew at the Shrewsbury Regatta on 1st July entered and won the Junior Fours, beating Bewdley and Evesham, the crew being:- G. Watkins, P. Rawlings, F. Lewis Smith, T. Barnes (Stroke), P. Morris (Cox).

The Monmouth regatta was held on 8th July when two crews from the Hereford Rowing Club entered for the Club Challenge Cup with unfortunate results as shown. A sculling entry was also unfortunate.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'B'.
	G. Watkins, J. Rawlings, F.D.R. Smith,		S.R. Whitfield, P.E. Barnsley, R. Carver,
	T.W. Barnes (Stroke), D. Morris (Cox).		N. Drinkwater (Stroke), P. Russell
(Cox).			
2 nd heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Cardiff.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Gloucester.

4 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Penarth.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Ross.
Final. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'A' (by one length).

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Taff.
2 nd heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (J. Chard).
3 rd heat. (1)	Monmouth (Howell)	(2)	Monmouth (Fryer).
4 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Ross.
5 th heat. (1)	Ariel.	(2)	Clifton.
Final. (1)	Worcester (R. Hall).	(2)	Monmouth (C.H.R. Howell).

Some excitement that might easily have ended in tragedy was experienced at the Cardiff and Taff Regatta at Llandaff on 15th July. In a heat for the Maiden Goblet between Bristol Ariel 'B' and Monmouth the latter were behind at the post, but finishing strongly, did not turn immediately and so were carried over the weir which has a drop of 30 feet. Bow jumped out and was washed over the weir but was unhurt. The others got out but the boat was smashed. The rowing results are given as follows:-

Taff Rowing Club Shield. Junior-Senior Fours.

(1)	Ariel.	(2)	Monmouth.
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Cardiff R.C. Silver Jubilee Challenge Cup. Junior Fours.

(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Clifton.
R. Whitfield, P. Barnsley, R. Carver, N. Drinkwater (Stroke).			

Taff R.C. Maiden Goblet. Maiden Fours. Won by Ariel 'B'.

Cardiff R.C. Edmonton Challenge Cup. Open Pairs.

(1)	Cardiff.	(2)	Monmouth.
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On the same day, 15th July, at the Loughborough Regatta, J. Carver of the Hereford Rowing Club lost by half a length in the Maiden Sculls, after winning his first heat. This was his first sculling effort and he was the first Hereford R.C. member to row at Loughborough.

Here are the results of the Worcester Regatta on 5th August so far as the Hereford Club is concerned.

Severn Challenge Vase. Junior Fours.

Hereford R.C. beat Gloucester by one foot, then lost to Stratford by 1¼ lengths. In the final Birmingham beat Stratford.

Jubilee Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

Hereford R.C. lost to Loughborough in the first heat.

Vigornia Cup. Maiden Sculls.

D. Heathcote of Hereford beat Leicester and Worcester. Nottingham beat J. Carver of Hereford R.C. and also beat

D. Heathcote in the final.

The Ross Regatta on the 7th August attracted many entries as will be seen by the list of results which are given only for the events in which Hereford R.C. was represented.

Ross Challenge Vase. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley 'A'.	(2)	Cardiff.
2 nd heat. (1)	Birmingham.	(2)	Ross.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'B'.	(2)	Gloucester.
	G. Watkins, J. Rawlings, F. Smith, T. Barnes (Stroke).		
4 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Penarth.
5 th heat. (1)	Avon.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.
	R. Whitfield, P. Barnsley, R. Carver, N. Drinkwater		
(Stroke).			
6 th heat. (1)	Bewdley 'B'.	(2)	Birmingham.
7 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'B'.	(2)	Bewdley 'B'.
8 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Avon.
9 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'B'.	(2)	Bewdley 'A'.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'B'.	(2)	Clifton (by $\frac{3}{4}$ length).

Deakin Challenge Cup. Maiden Sculls.

Including the final there were entries from Hereford, Leicester, Pengwerne, Ross, Birmingham, Gloucester, Avon, Monmouth, Worcester, Newark and Bedford, so it is proposed to include only those heats concerning Hereford entrants.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (L. Richardson).	(2)	Leicester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (W.H. Powell).	(2)	Birmingham (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (J.G. Carver).	(2)	Birmingham.
11 th heat.(1)	Ross.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (Richardson).
12 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C. (Powell).	(2)	Gloucester.
16 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C. (Powell).	(2)	Pengwerne.
18 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C. (Powell).	(2)	Pengwerne.
Final. (1)	Worcester (W.E. Harris).	(2)	Hereford R.C. (Powell).

(What happened to J.G. Carver in later heats is not recorded).

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

The Hereford R.C. crew consisting of N.S.Powell, A.R. Lewis, J.E. Coney and A.Aikens lost in the third heat to Monmouth 'A'. Including the final there were 11 heats and in addition to many of the clubs mentioned above there were entries by Redcliffe, Barry and Stourport.

There were no entries by the Hereford Club for the Senior Fours, the Pair Oars or the Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls.

1934

The Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club was held on 19th March, 1934, N.W. Slatter presiding. The President, Sir John Arkwright was congratulated on his knighthood. There had been five successes in open regattas during the past season but none by senior crews. There had been junior crews, a maiden crew and scullers. The junior fours had three successes and had reached seven finals. Junior caps had been awarded to T. Barnes, F.D.P. Smith, J. Rawlings, G. Watkins, R. Carver, P.E. Barnsley and S.R. Whitfield. The annual regatta had been a success, there having been entries from 68 crews and scullers. At the Club regatta on 14th September the Bury Cup had been won by S.R. Whitfield.

The expenditure exceeded income by £21. 14s. 0d., leaving the balance due to the bank at £272. 14s. 5d. Officials were elected as follows:-

President,	Sir John Arkwright;
Vice-presidents,	en bloc with the addition of R.C. Lloyd and N. Groom;
Captain,	N.W. Slatter;

Sub-captains,	N. Drinkwater and J.Carver;
Treasurer,	A. Herbert-Jones;
Sub-treasurer,	A.A. Smith;
Secretary,	R.C. Floyd.
Committee,	P.E. Barnsley, R. Whitfield, F. Palfrey and R. Edwards until 1937 with F. Smith until 1936.

The half guinea entrance fee was suspended for another year and subscriptions were fixed for new members joining in the second half of the year at 30/- for seniors and 15/- for juniors.

On 20th April a meeting was held, with N.W. Slatter in the chair, to make arrangements for the annual Regatta on 19th May. G.H. Watson and Geoffrey Watkins were appointed as Secretaries for the event. A profit of £5 had been made on last years regatta plus a profit of £20 on the regatta dance. Among other decisions R.C. Floyd and A.W.H. Powell were deputed to arrange a dance after the regatta and the Hereford General Hospital was invited to take a collection on the south river bank.

The Regatta itself was held on 19th May and the results are given here in fairly full detail.

Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Mersey.
2 nd heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Clifton.
3 rd heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Monmouth.
	J. Carver, J. Rawlings, P. Barnsley, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), D.J. Morgan (Cox).		
5 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Worcester.
6 th heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Bewdley.
7 th heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Evesham.
8 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
Final. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Royal Chester.

Hereford times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat, (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
	O.G. Watson, G. Aikens, J.E. Coney, A.R. Lewis (Stroke), D.J. Morgan (Cox).		
2 nd heat. (1)	Royal Chester.	(2)	Liverpool Victoria.
3 rd heat. (1)	University of Bristol.	(2)	Ross.
4 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Evesham.
5 th heat. (1)	Monmouth.	(2)	University of Bristol.
6 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Royal Chester.
7 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	University of Bristol.
8 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Monmouth.
Final. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Stourport.

Hereford City Plate. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Mersey.
2 nd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Monmouth.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Hereford R.C.
	J. Carver, J. Rawlings, P. Barnsley, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), D.J. Morgan (Cox).		
4 th heat. (1)	Evesham	a bye.	
5 th heat (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Mersey.
6 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Worcester.
7 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Bewdley.
8 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Evesham.

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Penarth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bristol University.	(2)	Cardiff.
4 th heat. (1)	Nottingham University.	(2)	Ross.
5 th heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Bewdley.
6 th heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Nottingham B.C.
7 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Bristol University.
Final. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Nottingham Union.

Mayor's Race.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth.	(2)	Albion.
2 nd heat. (1)	Thames.	(2)	Gloucester.
3 rd heat. (1)	Newark.	(2)	Penarth.
Final. (1)	Newark.	(2)	Thames. After a re-row owing to a dead heat.

Senior Sculls.

1 st heat (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (F.M. Symonds, scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Nottingham Union.	(2)	Loughborough.
3 rd heat. (1)	Trinity Hall Cambridge.	(2)	Clifton.
4 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Royal Chester.
5 th heat. (1)	Mersey.	(2)	Nottingham Union.
6 th heat. (1)	Trinity Hall.	(2)	Gloucester.
Final. (1)	Trinity Hall (H.L. Warren)	(2)	Mersey.

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria.	(2)	Nottingham Union.
2 nd heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Monmouth.
3 rd heat. (1)	Taff.	(2)	Nottingham Britannia.
4 th heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Liverpool Victoria.
Final. (1)	Taff (R.L. Thompson).	(2)	Stratford.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford (D. Heathcote).	(2)	Worcester.
2 nd heat. (1)	Maidenhead 'A'.	(2)	Loughborough 'A'.
3 rd heat. (1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Nottingham Britannia.
4 th heat. (1)	Stratford.	(2)	Loughborough 'B'.
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford (S.R. Whitfield).	(2)	Ross 'A'.
6 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Ross 'C'.
7 th heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Ross 'B'.
8 th heat. (1)	Maidenhead 'B'.	(2)	Evesham.
9 th heat. (1)	Hereford (Heathcote).	(2)	Maidenhead 'A'.
10 th heat.(1)	Bristol Ariel.	(2)	Stratford.
11 th heat.(1)	Hereford (Whitfield).	(2)	Stourport.
12 th heat.(1)	Maidenhead 'B'.	(2)	Clifton.
13 th heat.(1)	Hereford (Heathcote).	(2)	Bristol Ariel.
14 th heat.(1)	Hereford (Whitfield).	(2)	Maidenhead 'B'.
Final. (1)	Hereford (Whitfield).	(2)	Hereford (Heathcote).

At the Evesham Regatta on 21st May, Hereford apparently was only represented by one crew and that had only been together for one week, but its effort was nothing to be ashamed of, winning three heats and only losing in the final. The crew was:- G.O. Watson, B. Aikens, W. Corey, S. Lewis (Stroke), D.J. Morgan (Cox). The successive crews beaten were Falcon R.C., Derby Derwent R.C. and Evesham R.C. The winning crew was that of Bedford.

On the same day at Stourport Regatta G. Watkins of Hereford was leading in the Maiden Sculls, but broke his stretcher and only finished the course with great difficulty.

At the Bewdley Regatta on 2nd June the Hereford men won the Wribbenhall Challenge Cup by beating successively Taff, Monmouth and Leicester, the crew consisting of O.G. Watson, B. Aikens, J.E. Coney, A.R. Lewis (Stroke),
D.J. Morgan (Cox).

The Barry Regatta on 9th June presented an unusual feature for the river trained Hereford crew, being held over a sea course with its accompanying comparatively rough water. Nevertheless it won the Junior-Senior event after disposing of two different crews of the Taff Club. The Hereford crew consisted of R. Edwards, J. Carver, P. Barnsley, T. Barnes (Stroke) and D.J. Morgan (Cox), having been trained by Harry Smith.

The Shrewsbury Regatta on 16th June saw the winning of the Sculling Championship of the Severn by N. Drinkwater who defeated in turn, J.A. Edwards of Liverpool Victoria and J.H. Stubbs of Royal Chester. In the Junior Sculls

S.R. Whitfield another Hereford man, defeated in two heats an Ironbridge man and H. Williams of Pengwerne who was with the Hereford R.C. last year and had been its sub-captain. In the final Whitfield beat his opponent from Stratford-on-Avon but was disqualified owing to an unintentional foul.

In the Junior Fours Hereford was beaten by Derby, the losers being O.G. Watson, B. Aikens, J.E. Coney, A.R. Lewis (Stroke), D. Morgan (Cox). A spectator was W.H. Broughall who (according to his recollection) had been bow in the Pengwerne crew in the final of the West of England Challenge Cup in 1877, its first year. His opponents at the time were the Hereford R.C. including R. Symonds, J.A.T. Nicholson and Wilding, but he could not remember the name of the fourth member. (Actually the crew was C.J. Hatton, J.A.T. Nicholson, F. Wilding, J.R. Symonds (Stroke),
H.G. Nicholson (Cox).

Owing to the rough sea the Junior-Senior event on 23rd June reached only the earlier heats in which the Hereford crew beat Taff 'B' and another crew Taff 'A' had a bye. The Hereford crew was:- R. Edwards, J. Carver, P. Barnsley,
T. Barnes (Stroke), D. Morgan (Cox).

On the same day at the Stratford on Avon Regatta, in the Junior Fours Stratford beat the Hereford crew consisting of:- O.G. Watson, B. Aikens, J.E. Coney, A.R. Lewis (Stroke), P. Morris (Cox).

A few days later it was announced that at Henley R. Carver of the Hereford R.C. would be rowing in the Trinity Hall (Cambridge) crew. In the Diamond Sculls, last years runner up, H.L. Warren, a nephew of O.B. Wallis, will again be sculling. Warren, won the Championship of the Wye at the last Hereford Regatta.

The Monmouth Regatta on 7th July attracted two Hereford entries. In the Club Challenge Cup for Junior Fours the Hereford crew beat Ross and Leicester in early heats and won the cup in the final by beating Stratford by a length. The crew was:- O.G. Watson, G. Aikens, J. Coney, A.R. Lewis (Stroke), D. Morgan (Cox).

In the Junior Sculls S.R. Whitfield of Hereford beat R. Bamford of Monmouth and K. Tinegate of Birmingham, but catching a crab in the final, lost to B. Wyatt (Wiggatt?).

Two important successes were achieved by Hereford crews at the Cardiff Regatta on 14th July, 1934. In the Taff R.C. Shield event R. Edwards, N. Drinkwater, P. Barnsley, T. Barnes (Stroke), D. Morgan (Cox) beat Taff 'B' and Bristol Ariel in the heats and Evesham in the final, thus winning the Junior-Senior award. In the Junior Fours O.G. Watson,
G. Aikens, J.E. Coney, A.R. Lewis (Stroke), D. Morgan (Cox) after beating Bristol Redcliffe and Penarth in heats, beat
Taff R.C. in the final, thus making three successive wins of the Cardiff R.C. Silver Jubilee Challenge Cup.

However the same Junior crew was beaten at the Gloucester Regatta on 28th July by Stratford on Avon in an early heat. Furthermore in the Maiden Sculls a Hereford man whose name is not given, was beaten by an Evesham sculler.

The Ross Regatta was held on 6th August and results are appended.

Senior Fours. No Hereford entry.

Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars. No Hereford entry.

Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls. No Hereford entry.

Ross Challenge Vase. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Taff.	(2)	Penarth.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Bewdley.
	O.G. Watson, A.G. Aikens, J. Coney, A.R. Lewis (Stroke), D. Morgan (Cox).		
3 rd heat. (1)	Monmouth.	(2)	Ross.
4 th heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Stratford (scratched).
5 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Taff (by ¼ length).
6 th heat. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Monmouth.
Final. (1)	Derby.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by 1¾ lengths).

Deakin Challenge Cup. Maiden Scullls.

7 th heat. (1)	Hereford (P. Barnsley).	(2)	Bewdley.
9 th heat. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Hereford (T. Barnes).
12 th heat.(1)	Hereford (T. Barnsley).	(2)	Gloucester.
14 th heat.(1)	Worcester.	(2)	Hereford (P. Barnsley).
Final. (1)	Pengwerne.	(2)	Worcester.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours. No Hereford entry.

The Hereford Rowing Club closed its rowing season of 1934 with a Club Regatta, the leading officials being R.C. Floyd as Secretary and N.W. Slattern as Captain. Results follow.

Bury Cup. Sculls.

(1)	F.D. Smith.	(2)	J. Carver.
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Pair Oars.

(1)	N. Drinkwater and G. Wilson.	(2)	O.G. Watson and H.L. Richardson.
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Mixed Pairs.

(1)	N. Drinkwater and Miss Wilson.	(2)	S.R. Whitfield and Miss Hogben.
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Canoe Race.

(1)	T.R. Stevens and Owen.	(2)	S.R. Whitfield and Carver.
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Double Sculls.

(1)	F.D. Smith and S. Watson	(2)	O.B. Wallis and J.E. Coney.
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Fours.

(1)	N.S. Powell, D.W.D. Heathcote, B. Aikens, N. Drinkwater.		
(2)	J.E. Coney, F.D. Smith, G. Watkins, S. Watson.		

Owing to the lack of time certain events had to be postponed until the following day, but no results are available. The day itself finished with a flannel dance.

1935

Again the name of Bourne enters the news. Capt. R.C. Bourne, M.P. for Oxford, whose family lived in Herefordshire for many years, was to umpire for the Oxford versus Cambridge match on 6th April, 1935. In recent years he has coached the Oxford crews. In his last race (1912) both boats sank in rough water and two days later a re-row resulted in a win for Oxford, the fourth successive win with Bourne as stroke. He was Secretary of the Oxford University Boat Club in 1909 – 1910 and its President in 1910 – 1912. His father Col. G.C. Bourne rowed for Oxford versus Cambridge in 1882 and 1823, later in 1926 he coached the crew.

O.B. Wallis presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 25th March, 1935. Regrets were expressed that the Club was unable to retain the Senior crew after the last regatta. Caps were awarded to the Senior,

N. Drinkwater and to the Juniors, R. Edwards, A.R. Lewis, J. Coney, B. Aikens and O.J. Watson. The years workings had balanced but the Club faced a debt of £272. The Club redemption fund was now £55 against £47 a year ago. As for the actual rowing, N. Drinkwater had won the Senior Championship of the Severn. The annual Regatta had a record entry of 73 crews and scullers. A new event had been the Championship of the Wye for Senior Sculls. At the Club Regatta on 13th September last year the Bury Cup had been won by F.D.P. Smith.

The officials elected were:-

President,	Sir John Arkwright;
Captain,	N. Symonds;
Sub-captains,	N. Drinkwater and T. Carver;
Treasurer,	A. Herbert Jones;
Secretary,	F.C. Lloyd;
Committee,	C. Collins, A.W.H. Powell, D.W. Harris, O.B. Wallis, G.H.H. Watson, H. Smith,
	F. Palfrey, S.R. Whitfield, R. Edwards, F.D. Smith and N.W. Slatter.

The half guinea entrance fee was suspended for another year.

The Hereford Regatta was held on 8th June, a novelty being a race of eights. There was the customary large number of officials, including the Secretaries G.H.H. Watson and G.R.C. Watkins, too numerous to mention in detail, but a fairly complete list of results is given below.

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours. There was no Hereford entry.

1 st heat. (1)	Royal Chester R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Nottingham R.C.	(2)	Ross R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Monmouth R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Avon R.C.	(2)	Agecroft R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Cardiff R.C.	(2)	Taff R.C.
6 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester R.C.	(2)	Nottingham R.C.
7 th heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Stourport R.C.
8 th heat. (1)	Avon R.C.	(2)	Cardiff R.C.
9 th heat. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.
Final. (1)	Nottingham B.C.	(2)	Avon.

Wye Valley Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Mersey R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Ariel R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Royal Chester R.C.	(2)	Bewdley R.C. (Scratched)
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Avon R.C.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Clifton.

R.T. Carver, N. Drinkwater, R.S.F. Edwards, F.M. Symonds (Stroke), D.J. Morgan (Cox).

Hereford City Plate. Senior fours.

Bewdley beat Avon and Ariel. Clifton beat Mersey. In the final Bewdley beat Clifton.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Royal Chester.
2 nd heat. (1)	Bristol University.	(2)	Hereford R.C.

A.E. Warren, V. Blackwell, B. Aiken, W.S. Morris (Stroke), D.J. Morgan

(Cox).

3 rd heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Cardiff.
4 th heat. (1)	Evesham.	(2)	Clifton.
5 th heat. (1)	Bristol University.	(2)	Bewdley.
6 th heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Evesham.
Final. (1)	Bristol University	(2)	Loughborough.

Mayor's Race. Pair Oars.

1 st heat. (1)	Thames R.C.	(2)	Clifton.
2 nd heat. (1)	Newark R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (Scratched). R.S.F. Edwards, N. Drinkwater (Stroke), D.J. Morgan (Cox).
3 rd heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Albion R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Nottingham R.C.	(2)	Pengwerne.
5 th heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Thames R.C.
6 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Newark.
7 th heat. (1)	Nottingham R.C.	(2)	Loughborough.
Final. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Nottingham R.C.

Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Sculls. There were only two entries F.N. Symonds (Hereford R.C.) beat C.S. Hedley (Clifton R.C.).

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A' (S.R. Whitfield)	(2)	Bewdley R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Maidenhead R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'B' (No name).
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'	(2)	Ross R.C.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'	(2)	Maidenhead.

Senior Eights.

1 st heat. (1)	Bedford R.C.	(2)	Liverpool R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Mersey R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.
Final. (1)	Bedford R.C.	(2)	Mersey R.C.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (W.H. Wakefield).
2 nd heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Albion.
3 rd heat. (1)	Clifton.	(2)	Avon 'A'.
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.(T.D.P. Lewis Smith)	(2)	Avon 'B'.
5 th heat. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Ross.
6 th heat. (1)	Hereford (T.D.P. Lewis Smith).	(2)	Clifton.
Final. (1)	Gloucester.	(2)	Hereford R.C.(T.D.P. Lewis Smith). On

a foul.

There were several entries by the Hereford Club at the Monmouth Regatta on 6th July with the following results.

Irving Challenge Cup. Maiden Fours.

In the fourth heat Hereford was defeated by the Worcester College for the Blind, after having a bye in the first heat, the crew being W.H. Waterfield, V. Blackwell, A.L. Prince, A.E. Warren (Stroke), J.D. Morgan (Cox). The winner was Monmouth.

Club Challenge Cup. Junior Fours. No Hereford entry.

Owen Jones Challenge Cup. Maiden Sculls.

F.D.P. Smith beat successively C.A. Smith of Gloucester, C.H. Howell of Monmouth and N. Watkins of Ariel, thus making a Hereford victory.

Junior Sculls.

E.G. Chard of Hereford was beaten in the first heat by S. Reeves of Ross, the ultimate winner being C.C. Smith of Gloucester.

Open Pair Oars. No Hereford entry.

At the Gloucester Regatta on 27th July Hereford was represented in three events with varying success.

“A.A.S.” Vase. Maiden Fours. Open.

Penarth beat the Hereford pair, B. Aikens, G. Aikens (Stroke), P. Morris (Cox), by two lengths.

Gardner Vase. Maiden Fours.

In one of the heats Hereford beat Gloucester ‘B’ by two lengths, but were beaten by the Worcester College for the Blind by a quarter length in a later heat. Their conquerors were beaten in the final by Ross.

Mann Vase. Maiden Sculls.

T. Barnes beat in succession Gloucester ‘D’, Gloucester ‘E’, Gloucester ‘C’ and Stratford (L. Date) by the respective margins of ½, ¾, one and 1½ lengths.

The Ross Regatta took place on the Bank Holiday, 5th August and the results are appended

Senior Fours. No Hereford entry.

Ross Challenge Vase. Junior fours. No Hereford entry.

Cutler Challenge Vase. Pair Oars.

5 th heat. (1)	Loughborough.	(2)	Hereford R.C. B. Aikens, G. Aikens (Stroke), J.D. Morgan (Cox).
Final (1)	Worcester ‘B’.	(2)	Taff.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Pengwerne.
9 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Derby ‘B’.
12 th heat.(1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Stourport.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Evesham (by three lengths). W.H. Wakefield, V.D. Blackwell, A.D. Prince, A.E. Warren (Stroke), J.D. Morgan (Cox).

Fellows Challenge Cup. Junior Sculls. No Hereford entry.

Deakin Challenge Cup. Maiden Sculls.

6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (J. Coney).	(2)	Taff.
8 th heat. (1)	Worcester.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (J.E. Coney) By ¼ length.

The 1935 rowing season ended for the Hereford Rowing Club with a local regatta on 19th September. For the Bury Cup for Sculls there were four entries with following results.

1 st heat. (1)	A.E. Warren.	(2)	J.H. Pardoe.
2 nd heat. (1)	Coney.	(2)	G. Watkins.

Final. (1)	Coney.	(2)	A.E. Warren.
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Canoe Race.

1 st heat. (1)	Edwards and Drinkwater.	(2)	Thomas and Blackwell
2 nd heat. (1)	Smith and Warren.	(2)	Pardoe and Coney.
Final. (1)	Smith and Warren.		

Mixed Doubles.

1 st heat. (1)	Edwards and Miss B. Wilson.	(2)	Slatter and Miss P. Palmer.
2 nd heat. (1)	Blackwell and Miss Thurston.	(2)	Smith and Miss M. Hutton.
3 rd heat. (1)	Drinkwater and Miss E. Wilson.	(2)	Warren and Miss A. Smith.
Final. (1)	Drinkwater and Miss E. Wilson.		

Pair Oars.

1 st heat . (1)	Coney and Pardoe.	(2)	Watson and Smith.
2 nd heat. (1)	Warren and Edwards.	(2)	Blackwell and Drinkwater.
Final. (1)	Coney and Pardoe.		

Gents Doubles.

1 st heat. (1)	Blackwell and Edwards.	(2)	Slatter and Pardoe.
2 nd heat. (1)	Drinkwater and Smith	(2)	Warren and Ashurst.
Final. (1)	F.E.P. Smith and N. Drinkwater.		

Scratch Fours.

(1)	Watson, Blackwell, Warren, Drinkwater (Stroke), D. Morgan (Cox).
(2)	Pardoe, Coney, Smith, Edwards (Stroke), P. Morris (Cox).

1936

It is always interesting to hear of the doings of past members of the Hereford Rowing Club, but sometimes the news is not as pleasant as one could wish. Some time ago the name of F.E. Hayter was prominent as that not only of a leading oarsman, but also as an all round sportsman and later as a hunter and collector of wild animals in Northern Africa. He had been on personally friendly terms with Ras Tafari the Emperor of Abyssinia and had explored the country for many years, becoming a Fellow of the Zoological Society. The news in February, 1936 was that he had been injured in a plane crash in Abyssinia along with a fellow pilot.

The first actual Rowing Club news of 1936 related to a preliminary meeting on 1st April, the Mayor, P. Gwynne James presiding, to make preliminary arrangements for the Hereford Regatta on 30th May. It was decided to reduce the entrance fee for spectators from 2/0 to 1/0 plus 1/0 for admittance to the enclosure. It was decided to hold a race for eighths, bearing in mind that a similar race had been arranged for the Stourport Regatta on 1st June. The dance last year had realised £32. The Committee had £23. 11s. 5d. in hand but had not yet paid the Rowing Club for the hire of Boats; in the previous year they had paid £30.

The annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club was held on 6th April, 1936, with O.B. Wallis in the chair. During the past year the Club was successful on five occasions in open regattas. It had been unable to compete in Junior Fours, but had a persevering Maiden crew which was ultimately victorious. The Senior crew had won the Wye Challenge Vase for the first time since 1922 but could not enter for the West of England Challenge Vase. Considerable help in coaching was due to O.B. Wallis, N. Slatter and F.N. Groom.

The Club had been represented at the Annual General Meeting of Provincial Rowing Clubs in Birmingham on 30th November and the meeting in Cardiff of the No. 2 Division on 2nd November by O.B. Wallis, and Regatta dates had been fixed as follows.

23 rd May.	Merseyside, Newark	4 th July.	Nottingham, Penarth.
30 th May.	Hereford.	11 th July.	Cardiff, Taff, Derby.

1 st June.	Evesham, Stourport.	18 th July.	Chester, Loughborough,
Saltford.			
6 th June.	Bewdley.	25 th July.	Bedford, Gloucester.
13 th June.	Burton, Shrewsbury.	1 st August.	Worcester.
20 th June.	Stratford, York.	3 rd August.	Ross.
27 th June.	Agecroft, Monmouth, Boston.	14 th August.	Barry.

There was a loss on the years working of £18 and the balance due to the treasurer on 31st December, 1935, was £290. The balance of assets over liabilities was £385 and the Treasurer, Mr. Jones, said he was willing to reduce the rate of interest for the forthcoming year from 5% to 4½%. Only 28 out of 50 locker fees had been paid.

The officers elected were:-

President,	Sir John Arkwright;
Vice-presidents,	en bloc with the addition of D.W. Harris;
Captain,	O.B. Wallis;
Sub-captains,	N. Groom and H. Smith.
Treasurer,	A.H. Jones;
Secretary,	J.H. Pardoe;

The vacancies on the Committee were filled by R.C. Floyd, C. Collins, D.W. Harris, G. Watkins (for three years),

F.D. Smith and H. Shaw (for two years) and H. Thompson (for one year). The half guinea entrance fee was suspended for another year.

The Hereford Regatta was held in wintry weather on 30th May. There was an exciting moment when W.I. Smith of Chester upset his boat when going to his place in the Senior Sculls, but he swam out, and as will be seen from the list of results nevertheless managed to win his event. A presentation of a clock was made to F.C. Lloyd for his services over ten years as Club Secretary. The results of the various races follow:-

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Stourport B.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (D.W. Heathcote).	(2)	Pengwerne (by two lengths).
Final. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (by three lengths).

Public Schools Race.

(1)	Hereford Cathedral School.	(2)	Monmouth.
	J.B. Williams, H. Stooke, J.H. Lewis, K.H.L. Scougall (Stroke), D.L.O. Lloyd (Cox).		

Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

Royal Chester R.C 'B' rowed over, University of Bristol scratching. Royal Chester R.C. 'A' rowed over, Nottingham B.C. scratching. Bewdley beat Royal Chester 'B'. Finally Bewdley beat Royal Chester 'A'.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C.	S.D. Searle, D.C. Stacey,
J.G.M. Nott,				
				W.L.A. Thomas (Stroke), D.J. Morgan (Cox).
2 nd heat. (1)	University of Bristol 'A'.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.	
3 rd heat. (1)	Pengwerne B.C.	(2)	Morden Erleigh.	
4 th heat. (1)	Cardiff R.C.	(2)	Loughborough B.C.	
5 th heat. (1)	Ross R.C.	(2)	Bristol University R.C. 'B'.	
6 th heat. (1)	Monmouth R.C.	(2)	Mersey R.C.	
7 th heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Bristol University R.C. 'A'.	
8 th heat. (1)	Ross R.C.	(2)	Cardiff R.C.	
9 th heat. (1)	Bewdley.	(2)	Ross R.C.	
10 th heat. (1)	Monmouth R.C.	(2)	Pengwerne B.C.	

Final. (1) Monmouth R.C. (2) Bewdley.

Hereford City Plate. Senior Fours.

1st heat. (1) Nottingham B.C. (2) Bristol University B.C.
 2nd heat. (1) Gloucester R.C. (2) Royal Chester R.C.
 Final. (1) Nottingham B.C. (2) Gloucester R.C.

Championship of the Wye. Senior Sculls.

1st heat. (1) Royal Chester R.C. (W.I. Smith). (2) Hollingworth Lake R.C.
 2nd heat. (1) Mersey R.C. (2) Hereford R.C. (N. Drinkwater).
 Final. (1) Royal Chester R.C. (2) Mersey R.C.

Senior Eights.

Liverpool Victoria R.C. beat Mersey R.C. and in the final Royal Chester beat Liverpool Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Plate. Junior Fours.

1st heat. (1) Stourport B.C. (2) Ross R.C.
 2nd heat. (1) Boston R.C. (2) Hereford R.C. W.H. Wakefield, R.P. Cross,
 A.L. Prince, A.E. Warren (Stroke), P. Morris
 (Cox).
 3rd heat. (1) Clifton R.C. (2) Pengwerne R.C.
 4th heat. (1) Boston R.C. (2) Stourport B.C.
 5th heat. (1) Loughborough B.C. (2) Clifton R.C.
 Final. (1) Loughborough B.C. (2) Boston R.C.

Mayor's Race. Pair Oars.

1st heat. (1) Worcester R.C. (2) Hereford R.C. G.Aikens, H.W. Thompson
 (Stroke), D.J. Morgan.
 2nd heat. (1) Worcester R.C. (2) Bewdley R.C.
 3rd heat. (1) Loughborough R.C. (2) Taff R.C.
 Final. (1) Worcester. R.C. (2) Loughborough.

At the Shrewsbury Regatta on 13th June there was no entry of the Hereford Club for either the Junior Fours (for which there were only three entering crews), nor for the Maiden Fours. In the Open Pairs, A.L. Prince and A. Aikens, representing Hereford were beaten in the first heat by Birmingham who went on to win the final.

Now for some news about H.L. Warren who at the Marlow Regatta in June won the Senior Sculls, rowing at the time for Trinity Hall, Cambridge. On 1st July at the Henley Regatta he beat R.W. Bates of the U.S.A. and in the second heat beat W.J. de Mille of Canada by two lengths. He was a nephew of O.B. Wallis, learned his sculling on the Wye and when on a visit to the Hereford Rowing Club in 1928 practised on the Wye for the Colquhoun Sculls, where he was narrowly beaten in the final.

The Monmouth Regatta on 27th June, 1936, apparently attracted no entries from the Hereford Rowing Club.

At Gloucester Regatta on 25th July in the Gardner Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours a Hereford crew was beaten by Ross in one of the heats. There was some excitement at the finish of the Open Pairs contest for the A.A.S. Challenge Cup. After Gloucester had won by a quarter length the Hereford stroke, W. Morris broke his rowlock and the boat turned turtle. The two oarsmen were about to swim for the shore when they noticed that the cox W.E. Thomas who was a poor swimmer had managed to climb on the boat. They swam to the boat, pulled it to the bank and the cox climbed out safely.

The results of the Ross Regatta on 3rd August are given below.

Senior Fours. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Ross Challenge Vase. Junior Fours.

5 th heat. (1)	Stourport.	(2)	Hereford R.C. W.H. Wakefield, W. Morris, A.L. Prince, A.E. Warren (Stroke), T.S. Silcox
(Cox).			
Final. (1)	Newark.	(2)	Agecroft.

Smith Watson Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Penarth.
7 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Mumbles.
9 th heat. (1)	Barry.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (One member broke his oar). W.L.A. Thomas, D.C. Stacey, J.A.M. Nott, R.P. Cross (Stroke), W.E. Thomas (Cox).
Final. (1)	Ross.	(2)	Barry.

Cutler Challenge vase. Pair Oars. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Fellows Challenge Cup. Junior Sculls. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Deakin Challenge Cup. Maiden Sculls. No Hereford R.C. entry.

With a local regatta the Hereford R.C. closed its 1936 season. Results.

Bury Cup.

(1)	Wakefield.	(2)	Warren.
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Fours.

(1)	Chard Corey, Warren, Wakefield.	(2)	Pardoe, Croudace, Cross, Prince.
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Pair Oars.

(1)	S.R. Whitfield and Chard.	(2)	Pardoe and Stacey.
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Gents Doubles.

(1)	Scarle and Chard.	(2)	O.B. Wallis and Pardoe.
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Mixed Doubles.

(1)	Stacey and Miss Hogben.	(2)	Warren and Miss Crissall.
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Canoes.

(1)	S.R. Whitfield and Cross.	(2)	Searle and Stacey.
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On 24th November his trial cap for Cambridge was awarded to A. Jones, at one time of Hereford Cathedral School who rowed for first Trinity and now as bow of the University boat in the trial eights.

1937

With the abdication of Edward VIII in December 1936 and preparations for the coronation of George VI in 1937 it is only to be expected that topical newspapers would not spare much space for the performances of such comparatively minor bodies as rowing clubs. However, we do know that one local part of the coronation ceremonies in May 1937 included a boat parade from the Hereford Rowing Club boathouse. In it there were decorated canoes, gondolas, "Indians" in a canoe, and painted warriors in what by a stretch of the imagination

could be called as some form of craft. Mrs. Elizabeth Wallis won the prize for a decorated punt, disguised as a rose garden and the whole display was organised by J.H. Pardoe.

The annual Regatta was held on 15th May and the comparatively small entry, comprising 46 as against 60 the previous year caused doubts in some minds as to the advisability of continuing the series. Four crews scratched on the day of the regatta, but against this was the entry of three crews and two scullers from one club, Clifton R.C. There was only one entry for Senior Eights, that of royal Chester R.C., and the race was therefore cancelled. The results of the races follow:-

West of England Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Royal Chester R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Monmouth R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester 'A'.
5 th heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester 'B'.
Final. (1)	Liverpool Victoria R.C.	(2)	Bewdley R.C.

Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Fours. Winner of the West of England Vase barred.

1 st heat. (1)	Redcliffe R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester 'B'.
2 nd heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C. rowed over, Liverpool Victoria R.C. barred.		
Final. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe R.C.

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Cardiff (scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Leicester R.C.	(2)	Taff R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Ross R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Leicester R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Ross R.C.	(2)	Nottingham School R.C.
Final. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Ross R.C.

Hereford Times Challenge Cup. Maiden fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Birmingham R.C.	(2)	Ariel R.C. (scratched).
2 nd heat. (1)	Pengwerne B.C.	(2)	Stourport B.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Cardiff R.C. (scratched).
	S.D. Searle, E.F. Underwood, K. Sayce, R.P. Cross (Stroke).		
4 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Worcester R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
6 th heat. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Agecroft R.C.
7 th heat. (1)	Pengwerne B.C.	(2)	Birmingham R.C.
8 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C. By one length.
9 th heat. (1)	Worcester R.C.	(2)	Penarth R.C.
10 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Pengwerne B.C. By ½ length.
11 th heat. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Worcester R.C.
Final. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. By 2½ lengths.

Mayor's Race. Open Pairs.

1 st heat. (1)	Penarth R.C.	(2)	Worcester R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Leicester R.C.	(2)	Birmingham R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Agecroft R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Leicester R.C.	(2)	Penarth R.C.
Final. (1)	Leicester R.C.	(2)	Agecroft R.C.

Championship of the Wye. Senior Sculls.

Final. (1)	Royal Chester R.C. (W.I. Smith).	(2)	Newark R.C. (K.O. Wardley).
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Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (E.J. Chard) by one foot.
Final. (1)	Newark R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. (W.H. Wakefield).	(2)	Ariel R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Leicester R.C.
Final. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C.

The only entry of the Hereford Club at the Bewdley Regatta on 29th May was for the Wribbenhall Challenge Cup for Maiden Fours. The crew consisting of S.D. Searle, E.F. Underwood, D.C. Stacey and R.P. Cross (Stroke) beat Royal Chester in a heat by a length but lost to Bewdley in the semi-final by 1½ lengths.

At the Shrewsbury Regatta on 5th June the same crew in the Ladies Victoria Challenge Cup for Maiden Fours beat Royal Chester in a heat, but lost to Pengwerne B.C. who eventually won the vase. In the Isle Challenge Cup for Junior

Sculls, E.J. chard beat Agecroft R.C. and later had to row three times against Liverpool Victoria on account of repeated technical fouls, but lost at the last attempt.

Still the same Maiden Hereford crew competed in the Stratford Regatta on 19th June for the Foster Challenge Cup but were beaten by Derby R.C.

There were no entries buy the Hereford Rowing Club at the Worcester Regatta on 31st July but the same persevering crew that entered the Bewdley Regatta competed for the Smith Watson Challenge Vase at Ross Regatta on 2nd August. In the first heat Hereford beat Monmouth, but lost in the eighth heat to Stourport, who were beaten in the final by Grosvenor R.C. There were no Hereford entries for the other races comprising Senior Fours, ?The Ross Challenge Vase for Junior Fours, the Cutler Challenge Vase for Pair Oars, the Fellows Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls nor the Deakin challenge Cup for Maiden Sculls.

1938

In 1938 as in the preceding year, political and other disturbances were doubtless responsible for the comparative lack of publicity given to such sporting events as rowing, so that records for this year are somewhat incomplete. On 19th March the Hereford Cathedral School held its annual regatta but as results are available in the school magazine "The Herefordian" it is not proposed to include them in this chronicle.

The report of the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Rowing Club on 4th April with P.E. Barnsley, the Captain, in the chair was very brief and is notable only for the complete list of Committee members, a feature conspicuously absent from previous reports. There was a smaller number of members than in the previous year. The Club had been conducted at a loss of £4. 9s. 3d. for the year. It was decided once again to suspend the 10/6d. entrance fee for another year, but an I,portant decision was to hold the annual regatta on Whit Monday in order to attract more entries and a greater attendance of spectators. The season had opened with the "Head of the Severn" race when at Shrewsbury the Hereford Rowing Club has advanced from the 19th to the 10th position. Officers elected were:-

President,	Sir John Arkwright;
Vice-presidents,	were elected en bloc;
Captain,	P.E. Barnsley;
Sub-captains,	L.R. Whitfield and R.P. Cross;
Treasurer,	A. Herbert Jones;
Secretary;	J.H. Pardoe.

The Committee was to consist of:- R.C. Floyd, O.B. Wallis, W.H. Wakefield, S.D. Searle, N.W. Slatter, H. Shaw,

W. Palfrey, G. Watkins, M. Smith, A.G. Langford, N. Watkins and D.S. Williams.

A meeting was held on 6th May to decided on arrangements for the forthcoming Regatta on 6th June. The balance in hand was £17. 12s. 5d. The secretaries were to be R.P. Cross and W. Gore. The dance secretary was to be R.C. Floyd. It was proposed to re-introduce the race for Senior Eights, one for Coxless Fours and a race for Scratch Fours.

A Hereford Maiden Four crew entered for the Wribbenhall Challenge Cup at the Bewdley Regatta on 28th May, consisting of:- J.N. Morgan, E.F. Undrewood, J. Millinson, R.P. Cross (Stroke), J.T. Wilcox (Cox). The crew beat Evesham in an early heat but succumbed to Birmingham later.

This same crew appeared at the Stourport Regatta on 4th June with the laudable ambition of winning the Maiden Fours and so qualifying to enter as a Junior crew at the Hereford Regatta on 6th. This ambition was unfulfilled for in the first heat the Hereford crew suffered defeat by Bewdley, who went on to win the final against Worcester.

The Hereford Regatta took place on Whit Monday, 6th June and there were 53 entries as against 46 last year in spite of another regatta being held at Evesham on the same day. A lengthy list of officials included amongst the rowing judges such names as Sir John Arkwright, P. Gwynne James and Col. R.E. Symonds-Taylor. One or two minor incidents are worthy of record. One crew going to the starting place was barged into by a racing boat and forced to abandon its efforts. Two hikers from London to South Wales found that by paying a fee of 2/6d. they could enter a race for scratch fours. This they did and found themselves in the winning crew. It transpired that they were oarsmen of a famous London club. To complete a trio of incidents, in the Maiden Sculls a Ross sculler, D.A. Dean, in the second heat, fell in the river from his boat.

The detailed results follow:-

Senior Eights.

1 st heat. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Liverpool Victoria R.C.
Final. (1)	Bewdley R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.

Coxless Fours.

Final. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.
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Wye Challenge Vase. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Royal Chester R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. G. Watkins, N. Watkins, A.E. I. Williams (Stroke), J.S. Silcox (Cox).
2 nd heat. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
3 rd heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Royal Chester R.C.	(2)	Gloucester R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Stourport R.C. (Scratched).
Final. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.

Hereford City Plate. Senior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Stourport R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. crew as above.
3 rd heat. (1)	Clifton R.C. (rowed over)	(2)	Nottingham Union R.C. barred as winners of Wye Challenge Vase.
4 th heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Stourport R.C.	(2)	Gloucester R.C.
Final. (1)	Stourport R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.

Ladies Plate. Junior Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Ariel R.C.	(2)	Barry R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Cardiff R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. Scratched. J.M. Morgan, E.F. Underwood, D.W. Mollison,

3 rd heat. (1)	Stourport R.C.	(2)	R.P. Cross (Stroke), J.S. Silcox (Cox).
4 th heat. (1)	Cardiff R.C.	(2)	Redcliffe R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Stourport R.C.	(2)	Ariel R.C.
Final. (1)	Stourport R.C.	(2)	Pengwerne (Scratched).
			Cardiff R.C.

Hereford Times Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Ariel R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'B'. T. Basson, D.W. Brewer, L. Petersen, T.C. Woodhouse (Stroke), D. Bowen (Cox).
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Taff R.C. J.M. Morgan, E.F. Underwood, D.W. Mollison, R.P. Cross(Stroke), J.S. Silcox (Cox).
3 rd heat. (1)	Derby R.C.	(2)	Cardiff R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Ariel R.C.	(2)	Derwent R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Derby R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.
Final. (1)	Derby R.C.	(2)	Ariel R.C.

Mayor's Race. Open Pairs.

1 st heat. (1)	Gloucester R.C.	(2)	Ross R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Liverpool Victoria R.C.	(2)	Taff R.C.
Final. (1)	Liverpool Victoria R.C.	(2)	Gloucester R.C.

Championship of the Wye. Senior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Royal Chester R.C.	(2)	Stratford-on-Avon R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Trinity Hall (Cambridge).	(2)	Derwent R.C. (Scratched).
Final. (1)	Trinity Hall (H.L. Warren).	(2)	Royal Chester R.C.

Junior Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Avon R.C.	(2)	Nottingham Britannia R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Derby R.C.	(2)	Ross R.C.
Final. (1)	Derby R.C.	(2)	Avon R.C.

Maiden Sculls.

1 st heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Gloucester R.C.
2 nd heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'B'. (W.S. Morris).	(2)	Ross R.C. (D.A. Dean), fell into the river.
3 rd heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
4 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'. (D.W. Heathcote)	(2)	Derby R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Clifton R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'C'. (S.D. Searle).
6 th heat. (1)	Nottingham Union R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. 'B'.
7 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C. 'A'.	(2)	Nottingham Union R.C.

Two Hereford Rowing Club entries were made in the Worcester Regatta of 30th July with the following results.

Maiden Fours Jubilee Challenge Vase. Hereford was beaten by Stourport who beat Avon R.C. in the final. The crew was:- C.P.G. Ap Ivor, T.H. Basson, L. Petersen, D.E. Brewer (Stroke), J.Silcox (Cox).

Vigornia Cup. Maiden Sculls. Hereford R.C. (D.C. Stacey) beat Loughborough but lost to Worcester who beat Bewdley in the final.

The Ross Regatta was held on 6th August, 1938 with the following results.

Senior Fours. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Ross Challenge Vase. Junior Fours. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Fellows Challenge Cup. Junior Sculls. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Smith-Watson Challenge Vase. Maiden Fours.

1 st heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Pengwerne R.C. C.B.G. Ap Ivor, T.H. Basson, L. Petersen, D.E. Brewer (Stroke), J. Silcox (Cox).
2 nd heat. (1)	Ross R.C.	(2)	Taff R.C. 'A'.
3 rd heat. (1)	Monmouth R.C.	(2)	Stourport. (Scratched).
4 th heat. (1)	Newark R.C.	(2)	Mumbles R.C.
5 th heat. (1)	Taff R.C. 'B'		
6 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Ross R.C.
7 th heat. (1)	Newark R.C.	(2)	Taff R.C. 'B'.
8 th heat. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Monmouth R.C.
Final. (1)	Hereford R.C.	(2)	Newark R.C.

Cutler Challenge Vase. Pair Oars. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Ladies Double Sculls. No Hereford R.C. entry.

Deakin challenge Cup. Maiden Sculls.

10 th heat.(1)	Boston R.C.	(2)	Hereford R.C. (R.P. Cross).
Final. (1)	Taff R.C.	(2)	Stratford R.C. (On a foul).

A very regrettable death, that of Clive Lewis was reported in August, 1938, as having occurred in action in Spain during the civil war. He will be remembered as having been a Vice-president of the Hereford Rowing Club, having previously been Captain of Boats at Eton, an Oxford rowing blue and an extremely competent oarsman, having many successes to his credit.

The 1938 rowing season of the Hereford Club ended on 1st September with a Club Regatta. There had been no senior nor junior crew competing during the season, but there had been two maiden crews winning at Cardiff and Ross. A maiden sculler, D. Heathcote had been successful at Hereford.

The Club Regatta results were:-

Bury Cup. Sculls.

(1)	R.P. Cross.	(2)	D.S. Searle
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Fours.

(1)	J.H. Pardoe, W.S. Morris, S.D. Searle, J. Whitfield (Stroke).
(2)	K.S. Faulkenbridge, T.W. Basson, G. Watkins, S.R. Whitfield (Stroke).

Pairs. (1) Basson and Underwood. (2) S.D. Searle and D.E. Brewer.

Coracle.

(1)	J. Silcox.	(2)	D. Silcox.
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Men's Doubles.

(1)	R.P. Cross and W.S. Morris.	(2)	D.W. Crissall and Russell Ward.
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Canoe.

(1)	W.S. Morris.	(2)	K.S. Faulkenbridge.
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Mixed Doubles.

(1) D.W. Crissall and Miss Heathcote. (2) G. Watkins and Miss P. Wilson.

The evening closed with a dance at the Imperial Hotel.

1939

The year 1939 was an eventful one for the Club, for war clouds were darkening the waters.

The May Regatta was excellent in many ways. An unusually large crowd of spectators lined the Hunderton banks. Perfect weather had encouraged their presence, but close finishes which were the order of the day created such excitement that the popularity of rowing as a spectator sport was greatly increased.

Entries were good. Hereford competed in five events, but were unsuccessful in all races. Two events resulted in the unusual decision of a dead heat; in nine other races there was no daylight between the boats at the winning posts.

The Hereford Times report criticised the steering, and underlined the inability of a number of scullers to steer an even course. Far too many competitors crossed over to the other man's water, and in two events this caused fouls.

A.H. Braggs of the Hereford Rowing Club when leading in the Championship of the Wye, struck the railway bridge. Another sculler, J.M. Knowles, H.R.C. did the same and fell in the river.

For the first time in the history of the regatta, all senior events were started from stake boats. On previous occasions the eights only were started this way.

The judges were:- Sir John Arkwright, Col. R.H. Symonds-Tayler, Messrs P. Gwynne James, F.T. Carver, M.C. Oatfield, J.T. Nicholson, H.P. Barnsley, S.J. Marchant, H.L. Warren, H.G. Watson, J.H. Bettington, R.C. Floyd and T.B. Feltham.

The Hereford crews experienced some measure of success at the Shrewsbury and Saltford Regattas in June, although they did not register a win. At Saltford in the Maiden Fours they beat Gloucester, who had previously beaten Redcliffe by 1½ lengths and then lost to Stratford-on-Avon in the final by one length.

The Hereford crew was, E.F. Underwood, R.P. Cross, J.H. Lewis and D. Brewer.

At Shrewsbury the Hereford Maiden crew, J.D. Richardson, K. Pearman, C.J. Murray and K.J. Sayce were defeated by Ross by ½ length.

There were some exciting races at Burton-on-Trent regatta in July, although Hereford was beaten all along the line. Better fortune met the Junior Fours at the Gloucester regatta, when they beat Worcester by three lengths, only to be beaten by a length by Clifton. In the Maiden Fours, Wycliffe College beat Hereford by 2½ lengths.

Conditions were bad at the Worcester regatta where again the Club crew lost by a length in the Severn Challenge Vase Junior Fours race.

The Hereford Cathedral School's 1st and 2nd 'Fours' went to Monmouth in July for their annual races against the Monmouth School's crews. The 2nd 'Fours' lost, but the 1st 'Fours' won by nearly two lengths. These were the 38th races of the series and Hereford Cathedral School's 26th Win.

The Hereford 1st Four were:-
J.P.M. Owen (Bow),
P.K. Ward-Smith,
S.V. Wilson (Captain),
R.E. Curtis,
B. Powell-Jones (Cox).

They won too against Worcester at the annual meeting with the Kings School, after beating Monmouth who had previously beaten Worcester, The Cathedral School were expected again to be successful. O.B. Wallis got the crews off to a good start and they did have an easy win by a wide margin.

Hereford Cathedral School. First Four.	J.P.M. Owen (Bow), P.K. Ward-Smith, S.V. Wilson (Captain), R.E. Curtis, B. Powell-Jones (Cox).
Second Four	R.D. Jones (Bow). D.J. Wardlle J.H. Ockey A.G. Sayce (Stroke) I.R. Baker (Cox).

They defeated Tonbridge by ½ length and Abingdon by a margin at Marlow Regatta, so reaching the Public Schools Cup Final in which they met Winchester and Monmouth and there met their defeat.

At the Annual General Meeting the previous March, as an addition to Rule 4 it was agreed that “as a contribution to the National Fitness Campaign, artisans be allowed to join the Club for rowing purposes only, at an annual subscription of one guinea. Artisan status to be left to the decision of the Committee.” The Club funds were enhanced by the grant of £100 from the National Fitness Committee.

All worked hard to ensure that the Club prospects should not lessen in the event of war, and suitably worded posters were displayed on the Officer’s notice boards and in the various units then stationed at Hereford, setting out the boating facilities. Later, it was entered in the July Committee Minutes that serving soldiers and militia men be admitted to special membership of the Club, and the commanding officers and sports officers be invited to become Honorary members. The Royal Warwickshire Regt. was offered one boat on Sundays, for an all-in sum of £12. 12s. 0d.

In October, 1939, Mr. A.J. Crissall’s 36 years service with the Hereford Rowing Club was recognised by members, when on their behalf the Mayor of Hereford, Mr. H.P. Barnsley presented him with a cheque and a plaque inscribed with the names of the subscribers. The Mayor’s son Mr. P.E. Barnsley, an officer of the 2nd Battalion of the Herefordshire Regt. was at that time Captain of the Club. The Mayor recalled his 30 years’ association with the club and Mr. Crissall, and paid strong tribute to the latter’s skill as a boat builder. He said that it was due to Mr. Crissall’s industry that some of the boats which were as much as 40 years old were still on the water and giving pleasure to members.

N. Slatter was sadly missed when he joined the forces.

1940

It is sad to report that ‘Bert’ did not live long to enjoy his retirement for he died in April, 1940, but ‘his spirit lives on where the last years of his life were lived in faithful service.’

The first war-time officers and committee consisted of S.R. Whitfield (Captain), A.G.D. Langford and W.H. Wakefield (Sub-captains), Hon. Treasurer, A. Herbert Jones, Hon. Secretary, G.H.H. Watson; committee R.C. Floyd, O.B. Wallis, P.E. Barnsley, H. Smith, N.W. Slatter.

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting in 1940 that they should carry on as a Social Club during the winter months. the balance sheet showed a deficit of around £60, but £50 had been spent on repairs and painting the boat house – a wise provision in the light of subsequent events, with the war lasting longer than the predictions.

The club finances, therefore, could not stand the engagement of a boatman throughout the year, and it was arranged that his services should be retained from May to October only.

It may be of interest to future club treasurers to note that the cost of putting the boat house garden ship shape early in 1940 was £1, and thereafter 2/6d. per week for keeping it in order!

For the yearly sum of £30 the Cathedral School was offered the use of raft and boathouse for a minimum of five years.

It was not long before several active and valued members were called to the colours, including Capt. P.E. Barnsley, H.A. Braggs and the on. Secretary S.R. Whitfield.

The momentous decision to form a Ladies Social Club also during the winter months was made in October, and succeeding year have show the wisdom of this.

As Hostilities developed and air raids became frequent in England, reference to Fire-watching, stirrup pumps and necessary gifts of timber for raft repairs crept into the Minutes.

1941

In May and June, 1941, over 140 new members were enrolled and for the first time in 80 years Membership cards were issued. But not all new members were interested in the traditions of the Club for a resolution had to be passed forbidding members to attach any kind of mechanical device for propelling a boat belonging to the Club.

In February, 1941, O.B. Wallis was elected permanent representative to the West of England Vase Committee; at the A.G.M. with Sir John Arkwright retaining his Presidency and the Vice-presidents as in recent years, W. Palfrey was elected Captain. His subsequent years in this office proved fruitful and full of honour. The sub-captains were J. Basson and F. Lewis-Smith. Herbert Jones was re-elected Hon. Treasurer and G.H.H. Watson continued as Hon. Secretary. The Committee was F. Glenister, S.R. Whitfield, R.V. Price, W.H. Wakefield and R.R. Ashurst.

A sale of boats at Henley in fetched very high war time prices. the Captain, W. Palfrey and R. Ward bought from Hobbs and Son, boat builders of Henley-on-Thames, two skiffs, one gig and one outrigger, all complete with sculls cushions etc., for the sum of £42. O.B. Wallis thought the word 'outrigger' was somewhat confusing and suggested that this boat in future be referred to as 'outrigger double sculler'.

A new boatman C.A. White, was engaged in July for the princely sum of £2. 10s. 0d. a week,. His services must have proved satisfactory for by August, his wages were raised to £3. 0s. 0d.

Yet another Club officer was called up, Vice-captain M. Wood, and Russell Ward was duly elected to take his place.

G.R.C. Watkins was also sadly missed when he too joined the forces.

1942

The year 1942, started badly for thieves broke into the boathouse and stole £6 in cash and 20/- worth of cigarettes - and cigarettes were in short supply at that time!

At the Annual General Meeting in March, with W. Palfrey in the chair, a smaller Committee comprising A. Ford, C.W. Price, G. Wood, E.H. Marshall, J. Dare and C. Evans was elected.

In May the 217th A.T.S. Driver Training Regiment was permitted to use the Club's racing craft, and holiday membership was introduced at 10/6d. per week.

Further boats were purchased from Windsor, Oxford; two double sculler skiffs at £30; one randan, cushions and sculls, £25; one Faber randan £5; one sculling boat with sculls £8; one four sculler £25; three whiffs £32 and sixteen oars.

The steady increase in membership in 1941 brought profits to the winter social club, which the previous season had shown a profit of £55. Particular gratitude was expressed for the outstanding work by Captain and Mrs. Palfrey and Miss Crisall.

Increasing prosperity enabled the Club to acquire even further equipment - a weighing machine for 30/- and two single sculling skiffs at £32 each complete, from Messrs. Salter Bros., together with 6 pairs of sculls. Expenditure on boats altogether in the year 1942 was £113. 10s. 0d.

Beer and tobacco made a profit of over £72 and subscriptions and donations were higher than 1941 by £6. 8s. 6d.

£50 was handed over to the Rowing Club from the Social Club's profits and all the resultant activity finally necessitated an assistant Honorary Secretary. In the following April Mr. Langford took over that office.

In conjunction with the W.A.A.F. Regatta held in the Autumn, the Hereford Rowing Club decided to run the Bury Cup and Canoe race and O.B. Wallis presented a medal for the winner of the Bury Cup.

1943

The great improvement in the finances of the Club which first manifested itself in 1941 and continued during 1942 was maintained in 1943 and the Captain, W. Palfrey was proudly able to announce in his annual report that the Club had cleared its overdraft and was free from debt for the first time in many years, despite the fact that during those three years over £400 had been spent on purchase of boats and equipment and on repairs and alterations to the Club premises.

The Annual Regatta Dance organised by J. Dare and his sub-committee was highly successful and brought a profit of over £73 to the Club - the largest sum raised by a dance since the commencement of war. At this time there was a healthy credit balance of £237. 12s. 6d.

1944

Honorary Life Membership was bestowed on the Club Captain W. Palfrey and Sub-captain Russell Ward in recognition of their exceptional services. Mementoes of the occasion were presented at the Annual General Meeting in March, 1944. W. Palfrey and O.B. Wallis were appointed to represent the Hereford Rowing Club on the City Council's Reconstruction Committee.

The previous month, a Social of a different kind was held in honour of Flt. Lieut. B. Rudge who had won the D.F.C. and was the first member of the Club to be decorated for gallantry.

D. Crisall was appointed boatman during May, 1944.

The Hereford Rowing Club joined enthusiastically in the 'Holidays at Home' activities in August, an endeavour on the part of the local authorities to support the national campaign to provide entertainment at home and keep people from travelling and congesting the listed transport services.

The competition for the Bury Cup was not held during this period and the September Regatta was cancelled. A sailing dinghy complete with sculls and in first class condition was bought for £25 at Tewkesbury.

The 1944 officers were: Captain, W. Palfrey, Sub-captain R. Ward, Hon. Treasurer A. Herbert Jones, Hon. Secretary H. Green; Committee, G. Wood, L.H. Marshall, J. Dare, C. Evans, O.B. Wallis, T.W. Watts, F. Lewis-Smith, H. Smith, R.V. Price, C.W. Price, H. Shaw, A.J.D. Langford. Asst. Honorary Secretary, Alec de Wardt.

Three members were decorated in 1944. the D.F.C. was awarded to Flt. Lieut. L. Elias; the D.S.O. to Major P. Barnsley and the M.B.E. to Lt. Col. N. Slatter. Mr. Angus Wilson died in that year and a Trophy to perpetuate his memory was presented to carry on the standard of rowing he had set, was presented by his widow. Several of the members had made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country.

1945

In February, 1945, widespread flooding caused havoc along the River and damaged Club property. Rising from winter level to flood level and beyond in a few hours the water swept away the boathouse raft, a fishing boat and one of a pair of mahogany single sculling dinghies.

These were serious losses and when the week-end had closed without any news of them the Club Captain W. Palfrey decided it would be possible to take a search party down the river.

"Four other members and the boatman N. Crisall volunteered for the voyage. by Sunday the river had thrown off the effects of the thaw, but under the impulse of rain from the welsh hills was running at a rising 8 feet. The travellers,

P. Miller, V. Langford, A. Lane and E. Wright (Captain of the Hereford Cathedral School) set off with Mr. Palfrey and N. Crisall in one of the Club's big randans in expectation of adventure. They got it! Skilfully escaping disaster almost at the start of the trip - the massive pillars of the Wye Bridge are large obstacles on fast flowing water when there is little headroom - they pursued a rapid course downstream" (extract from The Hereford Times ... 2/45). They ran into some islands at Hoarwithy and towards the end nearly hit Bicknor Bridge. The boat was found hitched by its chain t a tree near Rotherwas Island. They did not find the raft or the dinghy. On their return trip - by road - after experiencing generous hospitality from the Ross Rowing Club, they found the Wye had risen to over 12 feet and was still going up!

Ross R.C. lent a helping hand later, with the loan of raft and other equipment to replace that which was lost.

Although there had been only coracle and Club racing and no official regattas held by the Club during the war-years the Hereford Cathedral School revived their inter-school events.

In June, the Hereford Cathedral School beat King's School Worcester. The First and Second Fours from the school then visited Hereford. The events were not very exciting, for in each case the Cathedral School gained an early lead and won with ease. they raced in pleasing style and delighted a number of Old Herefordian oarsmen who watched this racing. The starter was D.B.J. Wardle.

Hereford Cathedral School.

First Four.	D.L. Cooper.	
	M.W. Potts.	
	E.J. Wright.	
	J.A. Richards.	Stroke.
	W.B. Turner.	Cox.

Second Four.	C.E. Penn.	
	N.C. Gray.	
	P.M. Chambers.	
	J.L. Griffiths.	Stroke
	M.C. Bolt.	Cox.

At Monmouth in July with the same crews , they resumed a fixture also forced into abeyance by the war. Hereford Cathedral School first four won comfortably by three lengths after leading the whole way, their style and longer stroke proving very effective against a strong head wind and the second four after a closer race, in which their slower rate of stroking likewise influencing the result, ran out 1½ lengths ahead.

In latte 1945 permission was granted, at the discretion of the Captain, for local nurses to use the Club boats.

O.B. Wallis brought further honour to the Club on his election to the committee of Division II, Group III of the A.R.A.

Finance showed a healthy advance to £408. 14s. 7d. standing to the credit of the Club.

On July 1st, a Sunday, a delightful trip downstream to Ross is recorded, when the river was at summer level and members were entertained by Ross Rowing Club. No doubt the conversation veered to the more adventurous trip undertaken the previous February.

The last war time committee comprised W. Palfrey, the estimable captain; R. Ward, Sub-captain; Hon. Treasurer, A.H. Jones; Acting Secretary, A.V.C. Lee; Committee, O.B. Wallis, F.W. Watts, F. Lewis-Smith, L. Bonner, R.V. Price, C.W. Price, H.A. Shaw, A.J.D. Langford, J. Dare, L. Marshall, J. Gaskell, P. Miller.

The war came to an end and on the occasion of V.E. Day the outside lights of the club were switched on for the first time and a memorable party was held at which 80 to 100 members and friends attended. A similar party was held on V.J. Day.

Fifteen Regatta dates were fixed at a particularly happy meeting of the A.R.A. Conference at Cardiff on November 17th, 1945, attended by W. Palfrey and O.B. Wallis. The date fixed for Hereford was Whit Monday, 1946.

The Sea Cadets next door had been much in evidence over the past few years and among many other activities had built a new base for their flagstaff and put a new mooring ring in concrete for their own use and that of the Club.

Various 'weeks' had been held during the year to further the war effort and during Merchant Navy Week the Club held a Regatta at which E. Wright was successful in winning the Bury Cup.

1946

The rowing family of Bournes of Cowarne Court, Herefordshire made history in 1946. The long awaited family honour of three generations of Rowing Blues came to them through Anthony Bourne, who rowed after spending five years in German prison camps. The first generation, D.G.C. Bourne, was the eldest son of Lieut. Col. R. Bourne. The second generation, Capt. The Rt. Hon. R.C. Bourne became J.P. and County Councillor for Herefordshire. In the first world war he served in the Herefordshire Regt. D.G.C. Bourne rowed bow in two winning Oxford boats and Capt. R.C. Bourne stroked four successive Dark Blue crews to victory.

The increased activity at the Club during this first year of peace meant new boats, sculls and equipment. Surplus landing craft and large quantities of timber were also required. The income from donations, subs, locker fees, arrears and the profit of £122. 7s. 7d. made on canteen trading was more than welcome and altogether amounted to £455. 7s. 6d.

In March a gig was purchased for £30, inclusive of sculls, from Hobbs of Henley. They were in perfect condition. Collars of Oxford supplied two dozen pairs of sculls for £57. 11s. 1d. and timber staging cost £40. Later, in October, six assault boats from the Admiralty, which could be converted for use as pontoons, were purchased for the sum of £7. 10s. 0d. and a packing case for £5 made excellent decking material. the following month Mr. F.H. Snell donated his skiff, "Kerry" to the Club and handsomely bore the whole cost of rack fees at Oxford, repair and transport to Hereford.

Rule 4 was amended at the March Annual General Meeting to read "that 10/6d. be charged per season for non-members to bathe at the Club House", in place of "the subscriptions for the swimming section only of the Hereford Rowing Club shall be 10/6d per annum and membership shall not carry the right to vote or hold office." An addition to Rule 4 (d) "The subscription for membership of the Social Section only of the H.R.C. shall be 5/- per annum, membership shall not carry the right to vote or hold office." (e) "Members may introduce occasional visitors to the Social Club and must enter the visitor's names and addresses in the book kept for this purpose. Excisable articles however, can only be supplied if ordered and paid for by bona fide members".

A resolution was passed at the April Committee Meeting that double sculls without a cox could be used on the river at the discretion of the Captain or in his absence, the Committee man in charge.

The Hereford Victory Regatta started off badly, for all the morning it poured heavily with rain and racing began under dull skies, which providently broke up to give way to sunshine.

The river was running fast and about 2ft. above summer level and there was a strong breeze blowing that turned into a following wind to assist the crews.

There were some close finishes and some promising material among the younger oarsmen, which augured well for the future. Many members had only recently returned from the Forces and had enjoyed very little training.

In the maiden sculls, veteran F. Powell, beat one of the youngest oarsmen, Michael Jones by 1½ lengths after a very good race. Previous to this Jones had a gruelling race with P. Miller of Hereford Rowing Club, just managing to cross the finishing line inches ahead of Miller

The results as they affected Hereford were:-

Junior Sculls.

Hereford Rowing Club (B) E. Wright, beat Grosvenor Rowing Club, G. Tyrell by a length.

Maiden Sculls

Hereford Rowing Club (D) F. Powell, beat Hereford (C) by ½ length.

(Query? re Junior Sculls. Confirm whether this was a heat and whether Balliol beat Hereford by a length in the final? [Balliol won!!]).

An interesting sidelight to this Regatta was what might be termed a 'Uno' crew from Balliol College, who were beaten by Royal Chester in the Wye Challenge Vase. Bow was from Eire, numbers 2 and 3 from Poland and England, while the stroke was from Norway and cox from Scotland. They were coached, it was said, by a Russian named Gourdoulevitch!

The first post-war regatta judges were - The Mayor of Hereford, Alderman C.G. Marchant, Lt. Col. R.H. Symonds-Taylor, Capt. Allen and Messrs. R.C. Floyd, R.A. Symonds and F.T. Carver.

In the evening a memorable Victory Regatta Dance was held at the Town Hall.

Six crews left Hereford at the end of July to row in two regattas, Chester and Saltford. the Maiden Four crew with their coach O.B. Wallis had bad luck at Chester when a slide broke, causing them to lose the first heat. Later, they entered the scratch eights - two of the crew in one boat the others including O.B. Wallis in another. Both won their heats and met in the final. The crew including R.J. Fletcher and F.E. Oliver winning.

At Saltford the Club were forced at the last minute to substitute M. Jones for the original bow C.J. Phillips. Despite this, they got into the final in which they lost to Evesham by one length. G. Sherwood, Hereford, won the Junior Sculls by about 2ft. from I. Linsey of Hereford.
(From the Hereford Times 27th July 1946).

A record crowd, a record entry, many exciting finishes and much enthusiasm distinguished the Victory Regatta held by the Ross Rowing Club on the August Bank Holiday Monday. The weather was ideal.

The Hereford Rowing Club won three events. E.J. Wright won the "Deakin" Challenge Cup (Maiden Sculls)

An unorthodox but enjoyable race took place the first week in August over ¾ mile course from the Waterworks intake to the Hereford Rowing Club flagstaff.

The crew which won the Smith Watson Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours against 15 competitors on the Bank Holiday at Ross and the four scullers who had won Junior races at Saltford and Ross, and Maiden races at Hereford Worcester and Ross had gathered at the club house for the usual group photographs to be taken.

In an atmosphere of general hilarity the scullers, who, although they had never rowed together as a four were more experienced watermen than the Maiden crew, challenged the latter to a race in clinker fours. Instead of the usual small boys for coxswain, the scullers were steered by the bow man from another of the club's crews and the ex-maiden by their coach. (G.T. Sherwood, F. Powell and E.J. Wright and P. Miller).

Feeling some doubt about the strength of an ancient but well balanced oar used by his '3' man, the coach, besides a cushion for his comfort, took a spare oar on board. An unheard of procedure, but as it turned out, prudent!

After paddling upstream '3' and stroke decided to change places. Successfully performed in mid-stream! Meanwhile, the practised four, A. Duffield, J.W.T. Moss, T.E. Oliver and R.J. Fletcher followed upstream and upon their essaying a trial pacing start above the railway bridge, the ancient oar broke in the hands of Oliver, who already having broken one at Worcester seemed to be making a habit of it.

The spare oar was duly passed along, but did not find favour. Requests to passing scullers not being received sympathetically, it was decided that bow and '3' should change oars. This involved having both bowside oars out of the rowlocks at once, in itself calculated to capsize any racing boat, but by considerable skill in leaning on to the strokeside blades, the crew accomplished it safely - despite Cox's apprehension re. his white flannels.

A dashing start was made at the intake and for the first half-minute the boats raced level. Fletcher's crew began to draw away and continued to do so and reached the club house winners by some 2½ lengths. The slanging match between cox and stroke was listened to with great admiration by the crews!

The numerous spectators were stirred to a vocal enthusiasm not unmingled with mirth and evidently found considerable pleasure in an impromptu event, which though contested with vigour was not taken too seriously. (From the Hereford Times 10th August 1946).

A record crowd, a record entry, many exciting finishes and much enthusiasm distinguished the Victory Regatta held by the Ross Rowing Club on the August Bank Holiday. The weather was ideal.

The Hereford Rowing Club won three events. E.J. Wright won the "Deakin" Challenge Cup (Maiden Sculls) on a re-row from Chester. The "Smith-Watson" Challenge Vase (Maiden Fours) was won by Hereford 'B' (A. Duffield, J.W.T. Moss, F.E. Oliver, R.J. Fletcher stroke, J. Hodges Cox) won by a length and a half from Clifton.

G.T. Sherwood gained Hereford's third success by winning the "Fellows" Challenge Cup (Junior Sculls).

Represented by O.B. Wallis, H.F. Thompson, I.V. Lindley, stroke and J. Hodges cox, Hereford reached the final in the Llewellyn Challenge Bowl for Senior Fours, but were beaten by Pengwern. (From The Hereford Times 10th August 1946)

P. Miller won the keenly contested Vicornia Cup in the final of the Maiden Sculls against Grosvenor Rowing Club at Worcester Regatta after defeating his opponents in the four previous heats.

G. Sherwood won three heats in the Junior Sculls but lost to Stratford in the final. (Note. An excellent photo in The Hereford Times 17th August 1946)

It was unfortunate that the Club regatta later in the year had to be cancelled as the river was in full flood. The cancellation did not, however, prevent the usual social evening from being held. During the floods the Club was asked to co-operate with the County Police in the Provision of boats and in rescue and welfare work. R.W. Perry and boatman Jack Saunders were congratulated by the Captain, W. Palfrey on the arduous work they had undertaken during that time.

The Bury Cup race was held at a later date and was won by P. Miller.

During this busy year, the chief difficulty was to find coaches for all those who wished to learn. Thanks were due in no small measure to N. Groom and H. Thompson for their valuable assistance as coaches throughout the season.

The 1946 officers were, W. Palfrey, Captain; R. Ward and H. Thompson, Sub-captains; Hon. Treasurer, A.H. Jones; Hon. sub-treasurer, G.T. Griffiths; Secretary, A.V.C. Lee. The committee: R.V. Price, C.W. Price, H.A. Shaw, P.E. Barnsley, J. Dare, L. Marshall, P. Miller, S.R. Whitfield, O.B. Wallis, F.W. Watts, F.D.P. Lewis-Smith, L. Bonmner.

The Hereford Cathedral School oarsmen deserve honourable mention for their 1946 endeavours. In June, an Old Herefordian four - the Hereford Cathedral School of the previous year, visited Hereford to try conclusions with the present school crew. The Old Herefordians won an interesting race by half a length.

Old Herefordians: D.J. Cooper

M.W. Potter	
E.U. Wright	Captain.
A.J. Richards	Stroke.
P.J. Stacey	Cox.

School.	M.R. Jones	
	D.F. Jones	Captain.
	R.S. Barton	Stroke.
	W.B. Turner	Cox.

The Hereford Cathedral School competed once more for the Public Schools Challenge Cup at the revived Marlow Regatta on the 29th June. IN the first heat they were drawn against Eastbourne College. It was a fairly close race to Bisham Church about half-way, but thereafter Hereford drew right away to win by 4 lengths. In the final Hereford met Hailebury and Monmouth. a good start gave Hereford a slight lead, which however, they held for only a few strokes. Hailebury then gained a ¼ length with Monmouth a length behind. At Bisham, Hailebury had gained a little more, but there Hereford spurred to lead by nearly ½ length which they held until 50 yards from the finish. Hailebury just caught Hereford on the last stroke to make a dead heat. Monmouth was some lengths behind. So, Hereford and Hailebury held the Cup for six months each.

The Cathedral School first won the cup at Henley in 1883 and were again successful at Marlow in 1929 after an interval of 45 years when they did not compete. The 1946 crew was:- M.R. Jones, bow; D.L. James, J.B. Jacob, R.S.J. Barton, stroke; W.B. Turner, cox.

The annual races between Hereford Cathedral School and Kings School, Worcester were again in Hereford's favour. In the second fours race Hereford soon had a commanding lead and in spite of stroke catching a crag, won by a length. The race between first fours was close, but towards the end Hereford's longer stroke proved effective and they won by 2½ lengths.

Hereford Cathedral School First Four:	M.R. Jones	bow.
	D.F. James	
	J.B. Jacob	
	R.S.J. Barton	stroke.
	W.B. Turner	cox.

Second Four:	M.P. Moreton	bow
	M.T. Tilman	
	V.A. Hudson	
	H.M. Powell	stroke
	J. Stacey	cox.

1947

W. Palfrey was re-elected Captain for 1947 and the 1947 sub-captains were R. Ward and H. Thompson. The Hon. treasurer A.H. Jones and the Secretary, A.V.C. Lee. Committee: J. Dare, L. Marshall, P. Miller, S.R. Whitfield, O.B. Wallis, F.W. Watts, F.D.P. Lewis-Smith, L. Bonner, N.F. Wood, G. Sherwood, T. Basson and R.W. Perry.

The first quarter of the year 1947 was steeped in gloom. Peturbation was expressed at a meeting in February concerning the low percentage of profit on the Bar takings. In 1945 when the takings were lower, a profit of 15% was made, whereas in 1946 only 12%. The Captain said there was more loss on the draught beer, which was of an inferior quality to that supplied in 1946 owing to 'ullage', but they had succeeded in purchasing a filter which would considerably reduce the wastage.

After the discussion of such weighty matters, it was decided that an overdraft was needed at this stage. With reference to excess of expenditure over income, the Captain drew the member's attention to the fact that this was mainly caused by the flood in February 1945, necessitating the employment of two boatmen on repairs etc. and (2) repainting the club house and (3) purchase of pontoons, timber and so on for new raft and sculls..

Greater pessimism would have been felt if the Committee had known what March had in store for them. The following month Hereford experienced the highest floods for 155 years. To quote extensively from The Hereford Times 22/3/47, "The River Wye at Hereford reached the danger level of 15' 3" on 17th March and soon afterwards the St. Martin's district began to flood. Water continued to rise at the rate of 2" to 3" an hour until it reached its peak on Thursday morning, when the automatic recording machine at the Wye Bridge registered 18'6". Subsidence was rapid, 6' in 12 hours.

This time the Club did not suffer loss through the floods, for with the assistance of volunteers, all the Club's boats were moved to safety.

In April, founder member A.C. (Archie) Slatter died.

Speed boats put in appearance during the Spring and complaints were made. The Committee found it necessary to prepare a by-law prohibiting excessive speed.

Another burglary occurred at the Club House and once again cigarettes were the thieves' target.

It is idle, but perhaps interesting to speculate on the identity of the German prisoner-of-war who applied for membership around that time. The Committee had to write to the applicant stating that as the Club was a licensed one, the privileges allowed him under the regulations would not permit them to accept him for membership.

The 1947 Whit-Monday Regatta include a Senior Double Sculls. This was in response to a request by the A.R.A. Committee. 80 feet of new pontooning was bought to prevent delay between events.

Good entries and close finishes were the feature of this regatta and there was a good crowd to add to the general feeling of Bank Holiday and enjoyment.

M. Jones showed a high standard of sportsmanship when in the Maiden Sculls and leading from B. Smith of Chester Rowing Club, he pulled up and re-rowed when Smith's boat capsized just after the start.

A new event, the Chamber of Commerce Public Schools Cup was won by Hereford Cathedral School, who beat Ross Grammar School by two lengths. A new trophy henceforth known as the Symonds Challenge Vase, was presented to the winners of the Senior coxwainless four, Royal Chester Rowing Club. This trophy presented jointly by Col. R.H. Symonds-Taylor and Mr. R.A. Symonds, is an old silver goblet won about 60 years ago by the late J.R. Symonds.

Hereford, after beating Grosvenor B easily in their heat, finally won from them the Mayor's Race (pair oars) by ½ length.

In The Championship of the Wye (Senior Sculls) D.B.J. Wardle, Hereford, easily won against Royal Chester and Stratford but lost to Loughborough by 3 lengths.

Junior Sculls. Hereford A beat Boston easily.
Hereford B beat Hereford C by 2 lengths.
Final. Hereford, P. Miller beat Hereford, J. Benson by 1½ lengths.

Maiden Sculls. Won against formidable opposition by M.R. Jones, Hereford, against B.R.S. Smith, Chester.

At this regatta, river trips were provided by the Hereford Sea Cadets and signals communications was maintained by the High School Company of the 1st Cadet Battalion of the Hereford Regiment.

The Hereford crew met with no success at the Shrewsbury Regatta and were equally unlucky at Newark. P. Miller reached the final in the junior sculls, but was unfortunate enough to collide with a four.

After beating Penarth and Gloucester in their heats at the Stratford Regatta, the Hereford crew pair, H. Thompson and G. Sherwood lost to Stourport by two lengths in the final of their open pairs race.

In the Maiden fours, Hereford A crew lost to Gloucester in the first heat by ¼ and Hereford B crew were beaten by Loughborough by 2 lengths.

Again misfortune followed them at the Burton-on-Trent Regatta in July. They arrived only five minutes before the commencement and both the maiden fours and maiden scull crews were defeated in the first heat. P. Miller won the Drakelowe Challenge Vase for junior sculls.

At Chester, Loughborough and Saltford on 26th July, the Hereford Rowing Club was well represented. M. Jones sculled exceptionally well at Saltford and won the final of the junior sculls from Clifton R.C.. Not so successful were P. Miller, J. Nock and F. Powell who all lost in the semi-finals of their respective races.

A cheerful note crept into the Minutes for the July meeting for the Committee learned that the credit balance at the bank was well over £230.

Throughout the hundred years of the Hereford Rowing Club's history there had been a link with the 'people across the way'. "Jordans" the boat and barge building business had been a considerable local industry lasting for 200 years until the end of 1946, when it was transferred to Hereford business man. And now, Mr. W.H. Jordan, 76 years old, fifth son of Mr. And Mrs. R.R.F. Jordan had died. He was, for over 20 years, the popular landlord of the Saracen's Head in close vicinity to the Wye Bridge. His interests were many and included his membership of the Herefordshire Regimental Band and although over the age limit, he served in France with the R.A.F. in the 1914/18 war. In the last war he served in the A.R.P..

The Ross Regatta held on the 4th August, 1947 was a record success. There were 90 races and competition particularly keen. Both Ross and Hereford did well. The latter were narrowly beaten in an exciting final in the Maiden Fours.

M. Jones, still acquitting himself well and proving one of the most promising scullers won the Fellows Challenge Cup in great style.

In the Smith-Weston Challenge Vase for Maiden Fours, the crew C.J. Phillips, R. Teague, R.W. Perry, R.A. Clark (Stroke), O.G. Cratchley (Cox), Lost in the final to Clifton by two feet in one of the most exciting races of the day.

The Club Regatta on the 6th September was well supported. Record entries were received and good friends from Ross participated in the scratch events.

Eighteen years old Michael Jones won the Bury Cup for single sculls. Sculling cleanly and easily he beat stronger and older member Gerry Sherwood by more than a length in the final. The heats and semi-final were exciting races.

Some of the ladies in the mixed double heats set up such a hot pace their partners were hard put to keep up the rate of striking. Some of the regatta results were as follows.

<u>Scratch Fours.</u>	Final.	1.	R.A. Clark (Stroke), G. Sherwood, C. Lloyd, M. Jones (bow), R. Phillips (Cox).
		2.	E. Bulman (Stroke), R. Brimelow, P. Miller, D. Brewer (bow), G. Cratchley (Cox).
<u>Mixed Doubles.</u>		1.	P.J. Johnson and Miss D. Brewer, Cox J. Hodges.
<u>Coracle Race.</u>	Final.		J. Hodges beat W. Palfrey.
<u>One Scull Dinghy.</u>	Final.		P.J. Johnson beat H.B. Leek.
<u>Potato and Bucket Race.</u>	Final.		G. Edwards beat W. Turner.

Mrs. Palfrey presented the awards at the Social Evening held in the Club.

It is amusing to note, in the light of the catering demands of the 1950's that it was proposed at the Committee meeting prior to the September Regatta, that they get a caterer to do the teas with a guarantee of fifty! The profit of £1. 1s. 0d. on this regatta recorded in the Minute Book does not state how this munificent profit was made. They had made a charge of £30 to the Regatta Committee for boats.

The winter social events were very successful. The Annual Regatta made a welcome profit for the funds and the Member's Dance at the Booth Hall in November proved popular.

Spreading their wings a little, some of the members entered a team in the Hereford City Table Tennis League.

The A.R.A. moved swiftly over a suggestion by Russell Ward that the A.R.A. should form a panel of distinguished coaches, oarsmen who would act as consultants and visit country clubs upon request, observe crews and advise local coaches. At an October A.R.A. meeting they stated they would form a panel of experts.

In November the Committee agreed that all Schools races be rowed in sliding seat boats instead of fixed.

1948

The 1948 A.G.M. brought a change in the Captaincy of the Club. W. Palfrey who had held that office for seven years did not seek re-election, despite pressure to do so. Russell Ward stepped worthily into his place. There was a deep sense of gratitude to Mr. Palfrey and his wife for their loyalty and their hard work in the interests of the Club and the Ladies Social Club, throughout the difficult war years.

The Sub-captains were G. Sherwood and G.W. Jones; Hon, Treasurer W. Wingfield and Secretary A.V.C. Lee.

Committee; O.B. Wallis, J.L. Nock, F.D.P. Lewis-Smith, L. Bonner, N.F. Wood, H. Thompson, T. Basson, R.W. Perry, W. Palfrey, G. Hammonds, S.R. Whitfield and P. Miller.

Senior membership continued to increase, but Junior members and Lady Privilege Ticket holders were decreased in numbers. There were about 230 members to 50 rowing members.

In January, flood warnings were given in St. Martin's area. On the Tuesday 15'3" was recorded and there was a steady rise to 17'2" by the following day, 1'4" below the record flood of the previous March.

Four months after, on May 22nd the hottest Whitsun since 1944 was recorded 76° in the shade, fourteen degrees above normal and 14½ hours of sunshine was registered.

This brilliant sunshine attracted 6,000 racegoers to the Holmer race-course, but even so, did not detract from the annual spectacle of the River Wye. There was an all-time record of entries and spectators.

Crews from ten rowing clubs entered as well as local county crews and the contests were keen. Hereford men acquitted themselves well and appropriately enough won the Mayor's Race for pair oars, beating Nottingham Britannia by 3 lengths in the final.

H. Pressey won the Maiden Sculls against E. Blunt of Bedford while the Hereford A crew after fighting their way through to the final of The Hereford Times Challenge Vase were beaten by Nottingham by two lengths.

The Hereford Cathedral School had bad luck in the Public School race. Their 'A' crew were beaten by only 4ft. by Monmouth School in the heats and when Monmouth met the Cathedral 'B' crew in the final the latter lost the race on a foul after what looked like being a close finish.

A sight seeing service along the river was provided by the Sea Cadets under Lt. T.J. Beck, R.N.V.R, and radio operations were operated by the Signals Platoon of the Herefordshire Light Infantry under Lieut. P. Lamputt. A Regatta Dance was held in the evening.

(Hereford Times 22/5/48).

In the May 21st issue of the Hereford Citizen and Bulletin there is an excellent photograph of Harry Pressey, former Flt. Sgt. and popular member of Hereford Rowing Club, showing him being chaired by exultant colleagues after his win in the Maiden Sculls race.

Hereford crews were represented in four events at Stratford-on-Avon on 19th June. In the Open Pairs event E. Tarrant and G. Jones lost in their second heat to Penarth R.C. and in the Junior Fours, H. Pressey, C. Lloyd, M.R. Jones and E. Probert lost in the first heat to Trent R.C. (the ultimate winners of the event).

In the Maiden Sculls, G. Franklin lost in the semi-final to G. Bartlett of Stratford, who also succeeded in the final. Although they did not win in any event, they did give a very good account of themselves.

At the end of June at Agecroft Regatta, F. Powell, the only representative of the Club present, won the Lythgoe Challenge Vase in the Veteran Sculls race. He defeated 66 year old G. Rogers of Iris Rowing Club, an Australian visiting Britain with his country's Olympic crew and who had rowed at Henley Royal Regatta before many of that Saturday's competitors had been born. Rogers was coach to the Olympic scullers and in his younger days was champion sculler of Western Australia. He put up an excellent fight against Powell.

O.B. Wallis, it will be remembered, had previously won this trophy for Hereford.
(Citizen & Bulletin and The Hereford Times 9/7/48)

Hereford Junior Four carried off the Robert Mcneil Memorial Challenge Bowl at Penarth Regatta, when they defeated Llandaff in the final by 1½ lengths.

Junior Four. H. Pressey.
 C. Lloyd.
 M. R. Jones.
 E. Probert.
 J. Sweetman (cox).

Senior Four. G. Sherwood.
 J.L. Nock.
 G.W. Jones.
 E. Bettingham.
 G. Cratchley (cox).

The Senior Four lost in the final to Ariel (Bristol) Rowing Club.

Maiden Four. C.J. Phillips.
 R. Teague.
 R.W. Perry.
 R.A. Clark.
 H.J.R. Hammonds (cox).

They were defeated in the semi-final by Penarth.

Chester Regatta in July brought the Junior Four crew's third success in four regattas that season. H. Pressey, C. Lloyd, M.R. Jones, E. Probert and J. Sweetman (cox), won the Eaton Plate at Chester, defeating Pengwern Club easily.

(Citizen & Bulletin and The Hereford Times 16/7/48)

Llandaff Regatta followed. Unfortunately, the Club's best was just not good enough. In the Open Pair, G. Sherwood and E. Tarrant lost to Ariel R.C. in the final. In the mixed double sculls P. Miller and Miss P. Lilwall lost in the final to Ross R.C.

The Maiden Four, R. Brimelow, R. Teague, R.W. Perry, G. Franklin and H.J.R. Hammonds (Cox), lost in the first heat to Gloucester R.C.

There was a hard race for F. Powell, sole representative at the Loughborough Regatta on 16th July, when he met W. Brake of Trent Rowing Club in the first heat of the Junior Scullers, he was beaten by a quarter of a length only.

(Citizen & Bulletin 23/7/48)

G.T. Sherwood of the Hereford Rowing Club defeated A.F. Hamm of Clifton R.C. in the Robert Edwards Memorial Challenge Vase race and Messrs. Pressey, Lloyd, Jones and Probert, with Sweetman cox, added a further success winning the Ariel Challenge Vase in the Junior Fours by defeating Redcliffe R.C. by 1½ lengths.

The Maiden Four crew, Messrs. Fletcher, Stinton, Sockett and Holland lost in the first heat to Redcliffe 'A'. This crew's first outing did not meet with success but the men did give a good account of themselves.

At Bedford Regatta, the Maiden Four crew, Phillips, Teague, Perry and Clark with Hammonds cox, lost in the semi-final to Falcon R.C. after previously defeating Magdalene College in the third heat in the fastest officially recorded time for maiden fours of the day. The crew created a very good impression by their style.

The Hereford crews did not win any Laurels at the Ross Regatta on August Bank Holiday, for they failed to win any of the finals. There was much good racing however, despite the low state of the river. A crowd of over 4,000 attended.

Ross beat Hereford in the first heat of the Felows Challenge Cup and the Hereford Ladies Four, which competed for the first time in the Club's history was narrowly beaten by Ross after a good fight. They were coxed by E. Tarrant and the crew comprised, Lyn Holt (stroke), Monica Jones, Phyllis Lilwall and Honor Taylor (bow).

(An excellent photograph appears in the Citizen & Bulletin 6/8/48 of the ladies crew).

On the 7th August, Hereford crews failed badly at the Worcester Regatta. They had very strong opposition.

Their only win was in one of the heats of the Severn challenge Vase against St. Peters. In the Jubilee Challenge Vase they were beaten by Gloucester and by Worcester, in the Worcester Goblet by Stourport and in the Captain's Bowl by Derwent and Gloucester.

The season was not all competitive however, for on the same day the Club organised a motor trip to Henley to watch the semi-finals of rowing events of the Olympic Games.

For the Hereford Annual Regatta held on August 28th the local press had nothing but praise. Entries had risen each year since the cessation of the war and on this occasion there were over 120 entries, the highest since the Club's inception.

The ladies Committee took over the problem of refreshments at the evening social and all the arrangements for the regatta were made by N. Groom and C. Walesby.

Thrills and good sport kept up a lively interest for the many spectators and there was popular acclaim when F. Powell who had won the Agecroft Veteran Sculls, won the coveted Bury Cup for single sculls.

<u>One Scull Dinghy Race</u>	P. Wheatley.
<u>Coracle Race</u>	J. Hodges.
<u>Men's Double Sculls</u>	C. Lloyd and P. Johnson.
<u>Mixed Double Sculls</u>	Lyn Holt and J. Pembridge.
<u>Scratch Fours</u>	R. Brimelow - bow. P. Wheatley. R. Perry. G. Franklin - stroke. G. Gage - cox.
<u>Ladies Fours</u>	Hereford beat Ross by ½ length. Hereford:- H. Taylor. P. Lilwall. M. Jones. L. Holt. Mrs. Palfrey - cox.

As a result of a visit to this regatta, a very generous offer to purchase a fine eight racing boat for the Club was received from an old member, Mr. R.A. Painter on behalf of Painter Brothers Limited. Owing however, to protracted negotiations for purchase, a donation £100 was made instead. It was decided to open an Appeal Fund to enable a programme of replacement of racing equipment to be carried through and through the generosity of Mr. Painter, friends and members, it was possible to place an order for two new Clinker Four boats. Purchasing of a racing eight was met out of Club funds.

This was the first time in the Club's history that they had owned a fine racing eight and there was much appreciation for Mr. Painter's gesture which had started the oars pulling in the right direction. Mr. Painter had keenly felt the Club's inability to enter an eight for the Angus Wilson Cup at their own regatta.

Hereford came fourth in the Dee Autumn Fours at Chester. The race was on a time basis in two sections - shell and clinker and there were 17 starters.

The crews representing the Club were the 'A' crew, C.J. Phillips, C. Lloyd, M.R. Jones, E. Probert and J. Sweetman (cox), who returned a time of 11 minutes 26 seconds. They came fourth.

The 'C' crew, T. Dawes, D. Tandy, R.W. Perry, R. Lambert and L.J. Saunders (cox) came, fifth.

The 'B' crew, H. Pressey, G. Franklin, G.T. Sherwood, E. Bettington and S. Fletcher (cox), came eighth.

Norwich Rowing Club were the winners in a clinker built boat with a time of 10 minutes 49 seconds for the 1½ mile course.

(The Hereford Times and Citizen & Bulletin 16/10/48)

During this season the Club had been represented at 14 Regattas and special mention should be made of the Junior Four crew, comprising, Pressey, Lloyd, Jones and Probert with their cox J. Sweetman, who won the Maiden events at Shrewsbury on their first entry and followed this up with three wins in the Junior Four events, thus equalling a Club record set up in 1928. Their coach was G.W. Jones and they had the proud distinction of losing only one race in five regattas.

The Maiden Four, Phillips, Teague, Perry, Clark and Hammonds (cox), had won their way through to one final and five semi-finals.

To sum up the crews had had eight wins and had reached seven semi-finals at events throughout the country against some of the best crews of the season.

G.W. Jones had been a former Sub-captain of Grosvenor Rowing Club and a Senior Oarsman and after becoming a resident in Hereford became a valuable addition to the Club's panel of coaches.

To leave regattas and return to the domestic side of the Club's affairs, we must go back to the beginning of the year, February and the Annual General Meeting. A proposal was put forward by the Captain, W. Palfrey, that Rule 11 be amended so that gentlemen of the age of 15 and under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to become junior members at an annual subscription of £1. 1s. 0d. This was carried.

Two new Trustees were appointed in place of the late Angus Wilson, O.B. Wallis and S.R. Whitfield.

In April a resolution was passed that the rules of competition for the West of England Challenge Vase should be amended to allow N.A.R.A. crews to enter provided they rowed in fine boats. The Club became affiliated to the Ramblers Association on May 3rd; in June the Club was pleased to accept Messrs. Collars offer of a pair of racing sculls as a prize for either the Maiden or Junior Sculls at the Hereford Regatta; in the same month the small sum of £2 was paid for a galvanised building 14' x 30' the property of Messrs. Painter Bros. September, two Clinker Fours at £155 each were added to the Club's equipment and two months later a racing eight was purchased for £60. The Club released the plot of land from lease to the Sea Cadets in Regatta Meadow at the back of the swimming hut used by the cadets.

A valued member who had known the Club in its early years and had served it faithfully, died on November 6th, at the age of 86, Arthur Elliott had been honorary Secretary from 1899 to 1902 and had later become one of its oldest Vice-presidents.

Sir John Arkwright was again President in 1949 and three new vice-presidents were elected - Mr. R.A. Painter, Mr. I.B.W. Lloyd and Mr. H. F. Stewart.

The officers were - G. Hammonds, Captain; J.L. Nock and G.W. Jones, sub-captains. The Hon. Treasurer was now W.H. Wingfield and Secretary, A.V.C. Lee.

The Committee: O.B. Wallis, F.D.P. Lewis-Smith, F. Powell, R. Ward, E. Probert, H. Pressey, E. Bettington, L. Marshall, T. Dawes, D. Brewer, J. Rawlings, R. Preece, G. Sherwood, L. Homes, P. Walesby and R. Brimelow.

The newly elected captain, G. Hammonds, reminded the club that he was following in the footsteps of his father, H.J. Hammonds who had been captain from 1901 to 1924 and he hoped his own sons would, one day, be elected to the same office.

It was felt in the early part of the year that the standard of rowing was good considering the club was going through the post-war period. This feeling of satisfaction did not continue, however, for by June, Russell Ward expressed his displeasure over the crews who were not training properly for the various regattas and he felt they were letting the club and their coaches down.

His words bore good fruit, for within a month, there was noticeable improvement in the crews' methods.

In spite of the fact that excess of expenditure for the past year was £47. 10s. 6d. a proposition at the A.G.M. that the annual subscription be raised from £2. 10s. 0d. to £3. 3s. 0d. was overwhelmingly defeated.

In March members enjoyed a coach trip to London to watch the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race and no doubt that their return trip was festive in no small degree!

A cradle for the racing eight at a cost of £15 was purchased from Bewdley Rowing Club. In April the committee passed a resolution that the use of red and black balls in the election of members, or any controversial matter, should be used. This method would go on trial for three months.

The Post Office Sports Club block membership was not renewed after April.

G.W. Jones, O.B. Wallis, N. Groom and E. Bettington attended a meeting in Monmouth during May to give assistance and advice concerning the revival of the Monmouth Regatta. This was eventually held on June 18th; sea scouts offered to help and man the stake boats.

Messrs. Saunders offered the Club a polished aluminium hut on long loan for the purpose of storing members' outboard motors and equipment. The hut was fitted with lockers and it was proposed that the offer should be accepted and a fee of 5/- per locker be charged.

Commander Buckley of Messrs. Saunders Ltd., proposed to the club that they organise a long distance row - from Hay to Hereford -for which his firm offered to give a trophy to be known as the Saunders of the River Cup. After much discussion the proposal found agreement amongst the Committee members, and it was agreed to ask Commander Buckley to act as organiser for the event.

Mr. Painter continued to support the club in a concrete manner by offering to double the amount received by the Appeal Fund during the months of July, August and September, up to the total of £150. A further Appeals letter was proposed and other fund-raising efforts be tried out.

An estimate for the repairs and renewals required by the club buildings amounted to £655., and gave urgency to this matter of club finance.

There were 195 entries for the Thames Head of the River Race for eights in May, and three members of the Hereford Rowing Club took part. R. Perry rowed in the crew representing Lensbury Rowing Club, L. Tarrant in the Thames Tradesmen Rowing Club Crew, and L. Connell in the Northampton Engineering College (London). The result of this race unfortunately was not given in the local press, nor in the club papers.

Glorious weather drew large crowds to the June 6th Hereford Regatta and there was an under-current of excitement amongst those who realised that the Club was competing for the first time in the eights class.

There was a record number of entries - over 80 - and the Hereford City Silver Prize band came into its own once more, Each event was broadcast and the first Red Cross Nursery for children proved a boon to mothers who previously found watching the river events and their children more than they could cope with.

The mounting public interest in the annual regatta ensured greater press coverage, and the photographs in the Hereford Times and Citizen & Bulletin on this occasion did justice to the events.

It would have filled Hereford's cup to overflowing if they could have been equally successful on the river, but it was just not their day. In the Angus Wilson Memorial Challenge Cup they did well considering they had had the boat for such a short time. The crew was beaten by Pengwerne by 1½ lengths; Royal Chester boat Pengwerne by 2¼ lengths.

This first eights crew coxed by J. Sweetman were:

H. Pressey, Bow,
L. Bettington
G. Sherwood,
W.H. Wakefield,
F.D.P. Lewis-Smith,
J.L. Nock,
G.W. Jones,
E. Probert, Stroke.

I feel that it should be noted that it was due to the initiative of Mr. Nock that the Club eventually became the possessor of this fine racing eight.

Among the many events of direct interest were:-

West of England Challenge Vase

Ross R.C. beat H.R.C. "B" crew by 3 lengths.
Ariel R.C. (Bristol) beat H.R.C. "A" by 2½ lengths.
Final.- Ross beat Ariel by 3 lengths.

Wye Challenge Vase

H.R.C. "A" beat H.R.C. "B".
Ariel R.C. beat H.R.C. "A".
Final: Llandaff "A".

Public Schools Race

Hereford Cathedral School beat Monmouth and Royal Chester (Kings School).

J.R. Symonds Challenge Cup

F. Powell of H.R.C. beat Panther R.C. (London) and beat Agecroft R.C.
Final: L. Lutz (Crowland) beat F. Powell, Hereford.

Maiden Sculls

1st heat.	(1)	Crowland R.C	(2)	W. Turner, H.R.C.
2nd heat.	(1)	Worcester.	(2)	T. Dawes, H.R.C.
3rd heat.	(1)	B.A.S.A. London.	(2)	R. Brimelow, H.R.C.
4th heat	(1)	H. Stooke, Hereford.	(2)	Clifton R.C.
5th heat.	(1)	H. Stooke, Hereford.	(2)	B.A.S.A.

6th heat,	(1)	Crowland 11	(2)	H. Stooke.
Final.	(1)	A. Humphries, Crowland.	(2)	J.T. Loke.

O.B. Wallis, champion sculler in 1918, the oldest member of the Hereford Club, rowing with Paul Miller, was narrowly defeated by Panther R.C. in the Double Sculls. This was a memorable and wonderful effort on the part of O.B. Wallis. K.W. Tinegate of Panther R.C. won the Championship of the Wye in 1939, and his welcome reappearance in this race brought favourable comment, particularly as he won the event in immaculate style.

The prizes on this occasion were presented by Mr. R.A. Painter, vice-president..

(C & B~
3/6/49).

Monmouth Regatta was revived for the first time since 1938, and it was held in brilliant sunshine.

Only a Hereford crew entered the G.P. Mace Challenge Bowl, another 'first time' for the senior eights. The crew rowed over, and were given a special welcome. They were: H. Pressey, E. Bettington, G.T. Sherwood, W.H. Wakefield, P. Miller, J.L. Nock, G.W. Jones, E. Probert, J. Sweetman.

The Hereford Cathedral School crew, consisting of B.T. Thom stroke (10st.), C.T. Brooks (10st 12lbs.)M.P. Moreton (11st 8lbs), J.S. Vaughan, bow (12 stone), H.J.R. Hammonds cox, (7st 6lbs), won the Public Schools Cup for fours at Marlow on the 19th, their coach was J.H. Lush.

It was a brilliant end to an undefeated season for them. Thirteen schools had taken part, they had won all their six races of the season, and the general verdict was that they had rowed magnificently. It was the fourth time the Public Schools Cup had been brought to Hereford, the previous successes having been in 1883, 1929 and 1946

On the following Wednesday, their first four beat King's School, Worcester at Hereford by a foot, but their second four lost by 4 feet, The teams were:

1st. B.T. Thom, C.T. Brooke, M.P. Moreton and J.S. Vaughan.
2nd.R.M.Herridge, P.J Ridley, J.S. Bullock. and J. Edwards.

Hereford enjoyed success at the Salford Regatta by winning the Senior Sculls race, and the "A" crew won the Maiden Goblet at Llandaff Regatta two weeks later. They defeated the Clifton (Bristol) crew in the final, out of fifteen entries,

The members of this "A" crew were all employees of Messrs. Painter Bros. Ltd.

S Fletcher, bow.
R. Hallard, 2
M. Startin, 3
P. Round, Stroke
N. Hodges, Cox.,

They were coached by J.L. Nock, Vice-Captain of the Club and a director of Messrs. Painter Bros. The "B" crew won their first heat, but were defeated in the second heat by Landaff in a good race.

The club also sent a maiden four to Derby Regatta that same day and a pair oar, which did well to win two heats before being beaten in the semi-final,

Bad luck attended the club's first venture in the maiden eights race, when they visited Chester Regatta a week later.

After defeating Grosvenor Rowing Club by two lengths, in the first heat they met Liverpool in the final. They were leading by 3/4 length only a short distance from the finish, and the race appeared to be won when one of the crew had the misfortune to "catch a crab".

A maiden four also did well to win two heats.

The Bedford and Penarth Regattas were not chronicled, although a maiden eight went to the former, and a junior four and maiden four went to Penarth.

Sir John Arkwright the President of the Club wrote in the Hereford Times, the 23rd July, an appeal to the public to support the Club. He pointed out that since the Club's inception it had encouraged local young men to take up rowing as a sport, and had gained a place amongst leading provincial clubs.

He stated that although the Club House was basically sound, it needed extensive repair, and the only clinker racing fours available were built in 1893. "We are", he said "fortunate in having more young oarsmen than ever before, but it is impossible to instruct them adequately with the present number of racing craft".

Good sport with several close finishes characterised the annual Club Regatta on Saturday, August 20th, when the finals of the various classes were rowed off in ideal weather conditions. It was the driest summer on record since 130 years ago.

In the principal event, the Bury Cup, the finalists were B. Bettington and H. Bentley Leek, the latter winning by two lengths.

<u>Scratch fours.</u>	(1)	R. Brirnelow, bow. R. Perry A Rudge	(2)	G. Sherwood, bow, P. Miller, G. Jones E. Probert (Stroke)	C. Buckley, (Stroke).
<u>Gents Double Sculls</u>	(1)	R. Laimbert P. Round	(2)	G. Pedersa C. Stinton.	
<u>One Scull Dinghy Race</u>	(1)	M. Connell	(2)	E. Bettington	
<u>Coracle Race</u>	(1)	J. Hodges.	(2)	P. Wheatley.	

This was the third time J. Hodges had won the coracle race. Walter Palfrey who held the title for seventeen years was a fine exponent of the art.

Mixed Double Sculls Miss P. Lilwall and F. Powell.

(C & B. 26/8/49).

It was a great blow to the Club when Lt.-Col. R.H. Symonds-Taylor, former Mayor and son and brother of former mayors of Hereford, died on the 26th October, 1949, after a long period of failing health.

He was the sole surviving member of a family of ten children. Educated at the Hereford Cathedral School and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. While at the University he rowed in the Boat Races in 1889 and 1890, both of which were won by Cambridge. He also won the Ladies Plate and Thames Cup at Henley Regatta on the same day in 1887. His interest in the Hereford Rowing Club was lifelong.

He had an interesting career, joining the 4th King's Shropshire Light Infantry (Herefordshire militia), being gazetted Captain in 1893 and Major in 1906. When the first war broke out in 1914 he took the rank of temporary Major with the 2nd Batt. Herefordshire Regiment, and in the following year was promoted temporary Lieutenant Col. and given the command of the 2nd Batt. In 1918 he was transferred to the Territorial Forces Reserve with the honorary rank of Lt.Col. He had a long career as a solicitor, in which profession so many members of the Symonds family have distinguished themselves. His retirement came in 1945. Following in the footsteps of his father and brother,

Mr. S.R. Symonds, he undertook during many years a great deal of valuable and appreciated public work. He was an Alderman and councillor - the third member of the family to be so honoured.

All his life he was an enthusiastic sportsman, and retained his close interest in rowing, and especially in the activities of the Hereford Rowing Club. In his early days he distinguished himself in many rivers in the county besides the Wye, and had a lively interest too, in the Hereford Cathedral School's rugby, and in bowling. His presidencies were numerous - too many to mention in full; Scouts Association, Woolhope Club Preservation of Rural England, the General Hospital, all felt his beneficence.

(H.T.
29/10/49).

In October, the Ministry of Education made an offer of a grant of £300 to the H.R.C. subject to certain conditions, towards a total outlay of £600 for new boats. In the light of later events in the Club's history, it would seem that here is proved the biblical prophecy that as ye sow so shall ye reap, for children in Herefordshire schools have received monetary grants from the activities of the Wye Guild, as will be shown ten years later.

In November Messrs. Painter Bros., Ltd., sent their promised £150.. There was an overdraft of £15, on the November general account. Receipts to that date were £2,619 and expenditure £2 ,618.

O.B. Wallis, representative of the Clubs in the Wye Valley and South Wales, was voted into the chair in the absence of Mr. S.H. Johnson, Chairman, at the Amateur Rowing Association Conference which has been held annually in Birmingham since 1921 (except during the war), in December. They the delegates were full of friendly co-operation, and regatta dates for the next season agreed upon to prevent clashing. A practical achievement of modern times - the preparation and circulation of standard specifications for clinker built racing boats was approved

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1950 was rowed in by a Scratch Fours event on New Year's Day.

There was a larger attendance than usual at the 1990 Annual General Meeting held on March 3rd. G. Hammonds, the retiring Captain presided, and in his address stressed the importance of junior mentors taking a more prominent part in the rowing in order to maintain the club's high standard. The 1949 season was probably the most successful in the history of the club with record entries and record gates. It continued to consolidate its position as one of the leading provincial clubs, and the Captain felt that it was the best in the provinces.

They had a first class stretch of river and excellent facilities in the Club room.

The canteen account showed a profit of £374. 7. 1. and in the income and expenditure account was shown a balance of excess of expenditure over income of £81. 0. 11d.

The Captain also spoke of the presentation of a cup for the maiden sculls by himself, his sister and brother.

At the Whit-Monday regatta, to be held on the 29th May, there would be an event for coxwainless fours - the first time such a competition had been arranged.

Once again Sir John Arkwright was elected President. He had now held this office since 1902. Vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. Nock refusing nomination due to business reasons, E. Bettington was elected Captain. Sub-captains elected were F. Powell and H. Pressey, and the vacancies on the committee were filled by G. Hammonds, C. Jones, J.L. Nook, J. Rawlings, E. Probert, N. Groom and R. Thompson.

A new rule, 32, was introduced.. In exercise of the inherent right of the club to compensate for damage sustained, the Committee shall require any member who damages club property to pay into the club funds the whole or part of the cost of making good such damage. And - Rule 33, the club shall have power to suspend from all, or any of the privileges of membership any member who shall have been directed to make a payment under Rule 31 or Rule 32 until such payment is made.

It was noted in the Committee Minutes of 3rd April that the rateable value of the club had been altered from £18 to £24.

An appeal to the Minister of Education for a grant under the Physical Training and Recreation Act of 1937 to provide new boats was successful and a grant of up to £300 had been promised subject to the club contributing a like amount. It had been agreed and the purchase of the new clinker fours should count as the club's contribution.

Members Mr. S. Myer and Mr. G.L. Wallis were each awarded the O.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours list, and letters of congratulation were sent to them from the Committee.

The Hereford Club was now in the forefront of rowing clubs, and a hundred entries were received from 34 clubs for the Whit Monday Regatta, the 29th May, 1950

A holiday crowd - estimated at over 4,000 watched some excellent rowing, with exciting finishes.

H. Bentley Leek gained the only success for the Hereford Club with a fine victory in the J.R. Symonds Challenge Cup for junior scullers, and the Hereford Cathedral School overwhelmed the opposition in the Public Schools Race.

The most exciting contest of the day was when K.W. Tinegate, the holder of the Championship of the Wye Challenge Vase for senior scullers was beaten in the final by J. Stevenson, a New Zealander.

Hereford was well and truly beaten in the final of the senior double sculls by Royal Chester Club.

Mr. R.A. Painter, Vice-President, presented the prizes.

Despite record entries and excellent organisation gained after years of experience a financial loss was incurred owing to the very high costs prevailing.

At Gloucester a few days before, Hereford beat Penarth by 2½ lengths in the junior fours for the John Fielding Challenge Vase. The crew was G. Stinton (bow), R. Barton, M. Startin (stroke), P. Round, N. Hodges (Cox).

In the Maiden Sculls for the Mann Challenge Vase H. Bentley Leek of Hereford won the final easily against D. Bovington of Ross. Leek was early showing good form and with training could look forward to many victories.

(Hereford Times & C & B. 2/6/50).

News about nameless oarsmen was given in the local press concerning Hereford's results in the Stourport Regatta. Hereford won the junior fours. In the final against Nottingham they pulled back strongly after being behind in the early stages, and the boats were level at the bridge before the final spurt gave them a win by inches. This was a re-row of the race, a rudder cord having previously broken on the Hereford boat which ran into a houseboat. (This crew was the same crew as that mentioned above which won at Gloucester).

A fourth trophy came the way of the junior crew in this season. In winning the Kincaid Smith Challenge Bowl at Stratford - G. Stinton (bow), (2) R. Clark, (3) M. Startin, (Stroke) R. Barton, (Cox) N. Hodges, they established two club records.

Hereford had never won this trophy, neither had they won four junior cups in a season.

This splendid performance is even more meritorious by the fact that their stroke P. Round suffered an accident on the previous Monday and was unable to take his place in the crew, with the result that there had to be a re-shuffle and a substitute brought in at the last minute. It was a tribute to the coaching of I. Lindley who had handled the crew since the beginning of the season.

In their progress Hereford had three extremely hard races but in spite of this they got down to it with characteristic determination in the final against Stratford Taking the lead from the start they held off a strong challenge by the home crew to win by ¾ length.

Hereford was represented by H. Bentley-Leek in the junior sculls, and he had bad luck in losing in the final to Burton.

E. Bettington, Captain was beaten in the semi-final of the maiden sculls, and W. Turner in the first heat.

(H.T.
23/6/50).

Monmouth Regatta on the 24th June proved to be a Field Day for the club, for they achieved success without precedent in their history. Competing in five out of a possible eight events they won four trophies; a wonderful record. In this season already they had won ten trophies, and success was breeding success.

The junior four - G. Stinton (bow), R.A. Clark (2), M. Startin (3), R. Barton (Stroke) and N. Hodges (cox), eliminated Stratford and Llandaff, and in the final rowing with the confidence inspired by their four previous victories the crew pulled steadily away from Worcester to win the Club Challenge Cup by a length.

Fired by the example of the juniors, the maiden four R. Brimelow (bow), J. Langford (2), T.C.J. Hughes (3), D. Tandy (Stroke), and J. Sweetman (Cox), surpassed all their previous endeavours and rowing with great determination fought their way to the final of the Irving Challenge Cup. Their win in the semi-final was against Hereford Cathedral School who were represented at the regatta by their first crew.

Worcester were once again the victims in the final, Hereford coming home to win quite comfortably in fine style by two lengths. The coach of the maiden four was H. Pressey.

The Hamilton Challenge cup for junior sculls was the third trophy to be won that day by H. Bentley-Leek, who after an extremely close race in his first heat, won the final by a length from D. Bovington of Ross.

The fourth trophy was won very fittingly by the Captain, B. Bettington, who, after two close heats won the final in the Owen Jones Challenge Cup for maiden scullers by a length from Stratford.

This cup, incidentally, was won 16 years before by I. Lindley, the present coach of the junior crew.

Competing for the G.P. Mace Challenge Bowl (of which they were then the holders) the senior eight lost in the final to Redcliffe. The crew were:-

G. Sherwood	(bow)
I.V. Lindley	(2)
C.J. Phillips	(3)
P. Cottle	(4)
J. Cottle	(5)
J.L. Nock	(6)
G.W. Jones	(7)
E. Bettington	(Stroke).

(H.Times & C.&B. 30th June 1950.)

Victory eluded the Club at Derby Regatta, where they were represented by the junior crew. They won their first heat against Nottingham Boat Club easily, but against Nottingham Union, Hereford, attempting to keep close in round a bend came into the wash of the other crew and collided with the bank. This, of course, lost them many lengths, with a foregone conclusion. (H.T. &C&B. 14/7/50)

An informal A.G.M. was held on the 19th July with the Captain, E. Bettington, in the chair. There was an impressive array of trophies on view, including two further prizes from the Salford Regatta held four days before; the Ariel Challenge Vase for junior fours and the Robert Edward Memorial Challenge Vase for senior scullers.

E. Bettington won the final of the senior sculls quite easily from G. Cryer of Gloucester, and thus retained the cup which Hereford had held

The junior four crew were: G. Stinton (bow), R. Barton (2), M. Startin (3), P. Round (Stroke) and N. Hodges (Cox).

This was not only a success for the crew, but a personal triumph for R. Barton who, in the first heat against Llandaff R.C. pulled a muscle in his back and rowed the succeeding three races against the advice of the doctor who was called into attend him.

Although they rowed extremely well, the crews representing the Club at Chester and Bedford could not make the finals, although they won some of their heats.

The Ross Regatta on the August Bank Holiday had a record entry of 106. Our oarsmen were not disgraced although their cups left the Club on this occasion. They rowed well, but they could not compete against the polished rowing of the Pengwerne Rowing Club in particular.

(H.T. 11/8/50).

The most successful competitor at the annual club regatta held on August 26th was R.A. Clark who won the Bury Cup, defeating Captain E. Bettington in the final, and then went on to win the pair oars event.

Oarsmen from Monmouth and Ross were present and the winning scratch four was composed of one oarsman from each of these clubs and two from Hereford.

A feature of the regatta was the remarkable number of close finishes; at least fifteen races were decided by under a $\frac{1}{4}$ length. Throughout the whole of the afternoon the rowing was of a very high standard.

- Scratch fours
- (1) T. Ellis, Monmouth (Stroke)
R. Brimelow, Hereford
P. Cottle, Hereford (3)
R. Pugh, (Ross) (bow)
F. Powell, Hereford (cox).
- (2) J. Langford, Hereford (Stroke)
Partridge, Monmouth
J. Kenny, (Hereford)
N. Wiggan (Hereford)
I. Linley (Hereford), (Cox).

- Pair Oars
- (1) R.A. Clark (Stroke)
C.J. Phillips (Bow)
N. Hodges, (cox)
- (2) H.B. Leek (Stroke)
G. Sherwood (Bow)
R. Hammonds (Cox)

- Men's Doubles
- J. Cottle (Bow)
E. Probert (Stroke)
Miss S. Garland (Cox)
- Mixed Doubles
- Miss M. Jones (Stroke)
M. Startin (Bow)
B. Bates (Cox)

- Single Scull Dinghy Race
- E. Bettington

Mrs. Bettington presented the prizes, and R.A. Clark deserved his ovation.

(H.T. 1st Sept, 1950).

This highly satisfactory year of 1950 finished with a Children's Party being held at the club under the organisation of the Ladies' Committee, on the 30th December. The highlight of the afternoon was the arrival of Father Christmas (impersonated by Mr. G. Hammonds who was suitably attired), via the river in a decorated boat. He was met by the excited children on the steps. The fact that he arrived in a snowstorm added the authentic note and appropriate atmosphere.

Also held in the afternoon was the New Year Scratch Fours. In spite of bad weather enough names went into the hat to produce three crews.

The winners were Messrs. C. Oakey (bow), G. Higgins (2), M. Startin (3), R. Barton (Stroke) and N. Hodges (Cox).

They got through their heat by two lengths and won the final by 12 lengths. A New Year Social was held in the evening for Senior members in the Clubhouse.

The year 1951 started off with the club's current account overdrawn by £8. 12 9d. and the Appeal Account in credit £145. 17s. 10d. The Committee had various schemes in hand whereby money could be raised to improve the financial situation.

In February four pontoons were exchanged for the Shelly Rolls Fine Boat by agreement with the Monmouth Club.

Consideration of all bar prices was felt to be necessary following the Committee's decision to raise D.D. Draught Ale to 1/8d. per pint, which they felt had been priced too low for profit. Profits had been showing only approximately 13%.

Mr. Ward presented a trophy for the Clinker eights at the forthcoming Hereford Regatta.

The Dinner Dance held in February proved highly successful, and Mr. Pressey the organiser received congratulations for all the hard work he had put in.

A generous response met Mr. Hammonds' suggestion that a whip round in the bar for subscriptions to assist the Tideway Race crew in their expenses. £2. 10. 0. was collected. The Club paid the entry of 30/- and the expenses for the hire of the boat and travelling were met by the crew themselves. The following month Mr. Hammonds started a sweep on the National to aid the crew who would be competing in the Head of the River Race.

In February the Committee obviously felt that the fame of the Club warranted Regatta publicity and for the first time discussed advertising the Hereford Regatta in "Rowing". By March the first advertisement was put in hand.

At the AG.M. the re-election of Sir John Arkwright D.L., J.P. was followed by the proposal that all Vice-Presidents be re-elected en bloc, and by a proposal of Mr. Hammonds seconded by Mr. Powell the election of Mr. J.L. Nock to vice-presidency was also carried.

The officers for 1951 were Captain, G. Hammonds, sub-captains Messrs. Pressey and Barton; Hon. Treasurer and sub-treasurer Mr. Wingfield and Mr. R.M. Owen respectively. Mr. A.V.C. Lee Secretary. The Committee was W.R. Thompson, G.J.J. Lewis, We Palfrey, F.N. Groom, T. Dawes.

Mr. Painter, who was present at this A.G.M., announced that his firm had agreed to present a Challenge Trophy for competition by maiden eights at Hereford Regatta, and he had great pleasure in presenting it to the captain that evening. In accepting the 'Painter' trophy, the Captain expressed the sincere thanks of all members to the Directors of Messrs. Painter Bros. Ltd. for their great generosity.

In appreciation of the Junior Crew's good work the past year Mr. Painter made a presentation of a personal nature to them.

Mr. O.B. Wallis gave a trophy for the Senior Double Sculls, and gave a brief account of the trophy's origin. It would be known as the "Dinedor Challenge Cup".

The Treasurer's report showed the Club finances to be in a sound position, but very extensive and thorough repairs and redecoration of the fabric of the building were needed, urgently? and would involve a considerable outlay.

A committee was elected to represent the Club on the River Carnival Joint Committee, and comprised G. Hammonds, Captain, Messrs. O.B. Wallis, Barton, Ward, Groom and Lee. There was some feeling against the Carnival, due to unwise remarks by a City Councillor who implied that the Club was receiving £50 donation for this event and it had been necessary for the Secretary to write to the press pointing out that this sum was not going to the Club Funds but had been granted to a joint committee for the purpose of organising the Carnival. All the profits from this event was to go to the improvement of the river banks.

Squadron Leader J.R.H. Lewis, D.F.C., sent a request to the Committee, asking that as the R.A.F. crew were the first winners of the Maiden eight event at Hereford, could they have their names inscribed on the trophy as the first winners, also requesting permission to exhibit the trophy. Their request could not be granted as the trophy was inscribed "Presented to Hereford Rowing Club, 1951". A letter was sent to the Officer Comimanding at Credenhill Camp pointing out the facilities available at the club, and extending an invitation to oarsmen.

A Social Committee was formed in April, to formulate plans for social events and amenities. Members Messrs. R. Barton, C. Lewis, Nock, R. Brown, P. Miller were elected to a sub-committee to deal with this matter.

As the popularity of the Hereford Regatta grew, so did the necessity for larger catering facilities, and it was arranged that the S.F.B. Caterers Ltd., would do the catering and the Bar at the dance, and Mrs. Bishop at the regatta. The Bar arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Pressey.

What proved to be the outstanding achievement of the year was the performance of the eight competing for the first time in the history of the Club in the Head of the River Race (Clinker Division) on the Thames over the Putney to Mortlake course. Starting as crew number 146, they gained 53 places to finish 93rd.

In May F. Powell's name was included in the list of Junior oarsmen, and was entitled to a Junior cap.

Preceding the Whit-Monday regatta which was the 14th day, there was much newspaper publicity, because of the clash of events which was causing much acrimony amongst sporting enthusiasts.

Rowing adherents were up in arms because the success of their contribution to the Festival of Britain celebrations had been jeopardised by the decision of Hereford United Football Club to entertain the Dutch League Football Club Venlo, at Edgar Street the same day. It was felt that right was on the Hereford Rowing Club's side, and the Captain, G. Hammonds was reported in the press as stating that "if the date of the football match is not changed it would appear that the promoters of professional sport in the City are prepared to cut across amateur events from purely mercenary motives."

The Secretary of the Hereford United made his point that they had to cover their guarantee of £200.

There were further protests at the public meeting to discuss the organisation of the regatta. Member G. Lewis, referring to a headline in the Evening News and Times "The Rowing Club are impudent" a statement attributed to the Secretary of the United, said "Theirs was a senior organisation founded many years ago, and provided greater sporting facilities for participating rather than watching. Hereford was now one of the biggest and most important regattas, attracting the cream of the rowing world. Without wishing to be offensive, can the United make any such claim to a comparative position in the football world?"

However, any fear the Regatta Committee may have had that the football match would draw crowds away from their annual event were soon dispelled by the exceptionally large crowds which lined both banks of the River.

Again the number of entries broke all records, and of the 40 clubs competing, Hereford made strong challenges in a number of events. There were fifteen events, which, it was stated, was probably the most comprehensive programme of any provincial regatta

The local club's success, however, came in the Painter Challenge Trophy for Maiden Eights, when they beat the University of Bristol Boat Club by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

In the Ladies Plate for Junior fours with cox, Hereford were beaten in the final by Nottingham Britannia Rowing Club by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

The crew was, Stroke, A. Snead; 7, C. Ockey; 6, N. Wiggins; 5, J. Cottle; 4, J. Tebbutt; 3, W~Sockett; 2, T. Dawes; bow, B. Gardiner; cox, R.A. Hammonds, and was coached by H. Pressey.

Other results were:-

<u>Public School Race fours</u>	(1)	Monmouth School - Won by 3 feet.	(2)	Hereford Cathedral School.
<u>Hammonds Challenge Cup</u>		Maiden scullers junior eights.		
	Final	(1) Ironbridge. Won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.	(2)	Horseferry.
<u>Junior Eights.</u>	(1)	Reading.	(2)	Hereford.

Won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Painter Challenge Trophy. Maiden Eights.

Heat	(1)	Bristol.	(2)	Hannington (1½ lengths)
Final	(1)	Hereford	(2)	Bristol ($\frac{3}{4}$ length).

Dinedor Challenge Cup Senior Double sculls.

Final.	(1)	Royal Chester	(2)	Hereford (by 2 lengths)
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This most ambitious programme ever staged by the Hereford Rowing Club which was watched by over 3,000 people during this Festival of Britain year was but an indication of the Club's future glories.

Some idea of the high standard of rowing that day can be gauged by the fact that R. Tinegate of Birmingham R.C. who represented Britain in the Double Sculls at the Empire Games in New Zealand in 1950, was beaten by B.G. Davies of Reading R.C. in the final of the Championship of the Wye Challenge Cup.

(H.T. 18/5/51).

Hereford oarsmen started the season on a successful note at Gloucester the previous Saturday, for R.A. Clarke won the maiden sculls event.

He fought through the eliminating heats to a final in fine style, but in this race, rowing against Llandaff the two scullers collided. After a restart, Clark went out to win, but it was decided that a re-row was necessary. The Hereford man sculling very powerfully, pulled away gradually and won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length

H. Bentley Leek, the Hereford senior sculler, after winning his first heat comfortably, was beaten by two lengths in the final by a sculler from Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

(H.T. 18/5/51).

Agecroft Regatta in June was the scene of a great triumph for veteran sculler F. Powell. He won the veteran sculls for the third time. His previous victories, remember, were in 1948 and 9, and the year before he was narrowly beaten by one length in the final.

This is the first time in the history of the event that the same person has won it three times; indeed it is believed that no other sculler has won it more than once, (Only scullers over the age of 40 are eligible to compete and the race is rowed in fine boats, over a five furlong course).

Mr. Powell won his first heat by a length against Jelley of Derby, and then went on to win the final against Tarbutt of Liverpool Victoria Boat Club by the same margin. Living in Leominster and only able to travel in to Hereford once a week for the previous six weeks to train for the event is a factor which further enhances his achievement. Thus eulogised the Hereford Times reporter recounting the event.

(H.T. 18/5/51).

In the middle of this rowing season the Committee had been much exercised over the deficiencies in the stock in the Bar, and finally a permanent bar steward was appointed. There was indignation at a special meeting called on June 7th concerning the proposed A.R.A. affiliation fee, and the following proposition was sent to Mr. O.B. Wallis their representative:

"At a special meeting tonight, a resolution was passed deprecating the proposal to introduce a per capita charge by the A.R.A. on all active members and we should subscribe to the views expressed by Clubs present at the Birmingham Meeting in December last."

"Having regard to the passing of the rule altering the status of schools race contrary to the unanimous views expressed by representatives of Clubs at the Birmingham meeting in December 1950, we would like to be assured as our Area representative, that the views of this Club will be put forward at the next A.R.A.

Meeting."

Around this time there seemed to be an air of urgency about the condition of the club house, and need for renovation and repairs. The financial position was not too good, and there seemed to be a general lack of interest

in money raising efforts such as the Stop Watch competition. The building needed painting but it was agreed that immediate structural repairs both inside and outside were of prior importance.

The cost of the die for West of England presentation prizes, to each club was £2. 2. 0. and was approved by the Hereford Rowing Club. The design was made by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Co. Ltd., of London.

There was press comment during July concerning the abnormal rate of growth of river weeds - the worst in living memory. The channel of the river was being changed because of the phenomenon and at a meeting of the Wye Catchment Board at Hereford the Consulting Engineer Major G.N. Croker asked the advisability of appointing a biologist to deal with the matter.

At the Llandaff Regatta Ross A junior four won the Jubilee Challenge Vase. They did better in their heats in the maiden sculls also, than Hereford, who that day had no successes to record.

(H.T.20/7/51)

It was a different story at Saltford the following week, for, for the fourth year in succession a sculler from Hereford won the Robert Edward Memorial Bowl for senior scullers.

In addition, for the first time in the club's history the Hereford Ladies four won at an open regatta.

In the senior sculls Michael Jones (who won the event in 1949) met H. Bentley-Leek in the final and defeated him by one length in a hard race. In the first heat Jones defeated Hereford sculler L. Bettington, the winner of the event last year.

The Ladies four rowing extremely well defeated Stourport in the first heat and went on to beat Bath in the final by ½ length. The crew was - B. Jones (bow), A. Baker (2), V. Jacobs (Stroke) S. Garland (cox) Master N. Hodges. And..... the prizes were powder compacts. (Coach I.V. Lindley).

The Hereford Senior Eight was handicapped by the fact that several last minute changes had to be made in the crew. In the first heat they were beaten by Ariel R.C. who proved to be the ultimate winners.

Hereford Cathedral School entered their first maiden four event and put up a creditable performance. In the first heat they beat Avon R.C. by ¼ lengths and went on to win the second heat against Ariel by ½ lengths. A Monmouth crew, however, proved to be too strong for them in the semi-final and they were beaten by ½ length. G. Higgins a Hereford maiden sculler won two of his heats but was unfortunate to lose in the semi-final to the eventual winner.

A Junior eight rowed exceedingly well at Oxford Town regatta, but lost by three feet in the final,

(H.T. & C & B. 27/7/51).

A little digression from Hereford affairs to Ross may be of interest, for on the 4th August, when the Ross Regatta was held, the Ross Senior Four made a welcome re-appearance on the river in their first regatta of the season. The senior four crew consisted of A.D. Baines (Stroke), R.G. Symonds 3, G. Pugh (bow), D. Bovington (2) and T. Bundy (Cox). They beat Monmouth by ½ length in a keenly fought heat, but were easily beaten by Burton Leander in the final of the Llewellyn Challenge Bowl.

The Town Plate, open to senior fours who lost in the Llewellyn Challenge Bowl was a successful event for Hereford.

The crew, G. Stinton, R.A. Clark, M.G. Startin, P. Round and N Hodges (Cox), put up a good fight in the final and defeated Worcester by two lengths. This was the first time in 16 years that a senior four from the H.R.C. had won a trophy.

(H.T. & C & B. 10/8/51).

Never looking back it seems, the Club Regatta held on September 1st once again attracted record entries, which totalled 142.

B. Gardiner won the coveted Bury Cup in a hard race from N. Wiggins by two lengths.

This same pair with R. Hammonds (Cox) were in the same pair oar race final against R.A. Clark and C.J. Phillips who won the event the previous year. Both crews were away to a good start, but Clark (Stroke) and Phillips (bow) soon established a lead and holding off a strong finishing challenge won by 1½ lengths. N. Hodges was cox.

The entry of a woman, Miss B. Jones in the scratch fours caused consternation among the older rowing members, but she performed so well as cox and inspired her crew to such good effect that they won the final by one length.

The results of the finals only were:-

<u>Bury Cup</u>	(1)	Gardiner,	(2)	N. Wiggins	1 length
<u>Pair Oar</u>	(1)	R.A. Clark, C.J. Phillips (bow) N. Hodges (cox).			
	(2)	N. Wiggins, B. Gardiner, R. Hammonds (cox).			1½ lengths.
<u>Scratch Fours</u>	(1)	R. Barton J. Fryer G. Higgins A. Jensen Miss B. Jones (Cox).			
	(2)	N. Snead J. Williams E. Bulman J. Cottle J. Blackledge (Cox).			
<u>One Oar Dinghy</u>	(1)	R. Hammonds,			
	(2)	H. Leek			by 1 length.
<u>Men's Double</u>	(1)	J. Sweetman P. Cottle			
	(2)	R. Hammonds I. Lindley			by 3 feet.

There was an estimated 12 to 15,000 spectators at the River Carnival held this Festival of Britain year on September 8th, and it was considered one of the most successful events held anywhere. Many of the exhibits caused considerable amusement, not least by a mysterious round 'tub' made up as a buoy which kept revolving and did not get very far. Afterwards it was found that inside was Robin Hammond. He won in the Small Craft section.

The Hereford Rowing Club representative committee and members supported this Carnival very well, and deserved their other successes. The Women's Section in Medium Craft won the first prize with their beautifully decorated boat "Nell Gwynne", and the second was won by Richard Hammond, Janet Lindley and Nim Hodges with the "Barrow Boy" float.

News was received in December that Messrs. Salters had agreed to supply a boat for the Head of the River Race for the inclusive charge of £10.

The Social Committee had a brief life, mainly through lack of support from the younger members, and it was agreed that the social functions be left to the Ladies Ancillary Committee with the co-operation of a sub Committee.

Five members were elected, J.L. Nock, T. Dawes, G.J.J. Lewis, R. Thompson, R. Ward as Chairman to serve on this, with powers to co-opt, and their main consideration would be ways and means of raising funds for the Club but they would not be expected to carry through large propositions.

At a special meeting on the 27th December called to discuss money making schemes, Mr. Groom gave details of a Club scheme which had been successful in Kidderminster. After discussion the Committee decided to try it out, and a suggested title of this Club was The Hereford Rowing Supporters Club or Guild.

This is where the original history finished but recently Malcolm Startin who was captain at the time of the formation of the Wye Guild recorded some of his memories and I have added them on here. WRA.

THE PASSAGE FROM WOODEN PREMISES AND DESTITUTION TO OPULENCE – AS I RECALL IT

I joined Hereford Rowing Club in March, 1949 at 17 years of age.

Then all racing boats were made of wood, being either “Fine” for racing “Senior” class or “Clinker” for “Junior” and “Maiden” races.

Maiden was competed for by oarsmen or scullers who had never won an event at any status.

Junior was open to anyone not having won a “Senior” race or had not won three “Junior” races in ONE season. Once an oarsman or sculler had won three “Junior” events in one season he could compete ONLY as a “Senior” for evermore.

Senior events were open to all, but if someone who had not won a “Maiden” or a “Junior” event won a “Senior” event it was “Senior” rowing only from then on.

Schoolboy Rowing was the only classification restricted to competitors of younger age.

Rowing and sculling were separate disciplines so whilst the same status rules applied to each it was possible to be a “Senior” oarsman AND a “Maiden” sculler.

Only “Senior” oarsmen and scullers were allowed to compete in their own boat. All “Maiden” and “Junior” events at regattas were raced in clinker boats provided by the Regatta Committee – albeit, each heat would be run in “matching boats”.

No Club had sufficient clinker boats of their own to run a regatta so each one borrowed boats from other clubs in the area. So – come race time – crews reported to the raft for their Heat. A pair of boats was allocated, in you sat and the heat took place. As one progressed through the heats it was most likely a different pair of boats would be used each time.

Riggers had fixed pin rowlocks and oars had fixed buttons. No adjustment was possible to suit individual needs.

The “Fine” boat for the “Senior” crew was tied to the trestles of an open lorry for transportation to the regattas. Competitors, oars and sculls travelled beneath. Very few people owned a car in those days.

“Senior” events ran a “Loser’s Plate” otherwise there was no “doubling up” and no Two Day Events at Provincial Regattas so a competitor would be lucky to get eight races in a season.

In 1949 our Clubhouse and Boathouse, were crumbling wooden buildings and our racing fleet consisted of:-

- 1 “Fine” four (so ancient it had staggered seating)
- 1 “Fine” Sculling Boat
- 2 “Clinker” Fours (plus use of a Cathedral School Four)
- 4 “Clinker” Pairs

4 “Clinker Sculling boats.

The Balance Sheet at the 1949 Annual General Meeting showed just £270 in the Bank.

In 1952 a remarkable stroke of good fortune meant all was to change dramatically. Late in that year five HRC members were travelling by train to Birmingham to attend a Divisional Meeting of the A.R.A. They were Geoff Hammonds, Harry Pressey, Norman Groom, Fred Lee (Club Secretary) and Malcolm Startin. At Kidderminster a large contingent of “Harriers” football supporters boarded the train on their way to watch Kidderminster play Birmingham City in a round of the F.A. Cup. A large chatty man entered our compartment and started to tell us about a lottery being run locally by the Catholic Church. He showed us his membership card and weekly coupon. We asked him if it was possible for him to obtain full detail of the scheme and send it to us – this he kindly did.

An Extraordinary General Meeting was convened whereat it was agreed that we should start our own lottery on the same lines and the “River Wye Guild” was born. The Administrative Committee would be Geoff Hammonds, Norman Groom, Harry Pressey and Malcolm Startin. (I am the sole survivor of that original committee).

Tickets were sold through individual agents, clubs and societies who were paid commission on sales. To satisfy the law at the time, one shilling was charged for a horse racing tip but that purchase gave free entry into the football pool. Ten and a half pence of that shilling went in prize money, agent’s commission and expenses. The remaining one and a half pence represented the “Charity Pot”.

In the first week of operation a first prize of just £20 was guaranteed but sales grew very quickly and soon it was necessary to rent an office in Bridge Street and engage a small administrative staff. Within a year it was possible to start buying new boats. At this time, too, our mode of transport to regattas improved. We had made an aluminium rack which would attach by means of six brackets to the roof of a “Bounds’ Luxury Coach” (albeit fitted with wooden seats). The boats were transported on the rack, the crews travelled inside; blades and sculls were carried on the luggage racks. We still have that rack. It can be seen in the rafters of the eights boathouse.

In April 1954 I was called for National Service and had to resign from the River Wye Guild Committee but, by late 1954, the club had sufficient funds to build a new Boathouse full of new boats and the envy of every provincial rowing club throughout the land. Also in 1954 a change in legislation meant it was no longer lawful to continue our competition in its, then, format. The Wye Valley Pools Limited therefore came into being to continue fund raising activities. Directors of the Company were Geoff Hammonds, Harry Pressey, Tommy Dawes, Ken Bole, Gerry Sherwood and John Rawlings (Secretary). These same people formed the committee of the River Wye Guild which was retained as the charitable arm. None of these people are any longer with us. The Directors of Wye Valley Pools Ltd, set up St. Owens Printing Company Limited for the printing of weekly tickets etc., operations moved into larger premises in St. Owens Street and the number of staff increased to nine.

I was elected Club Captain on my return from National Service in April 1956 and by this time plans for our new Clubhouse were well in hand. The meadow next door had been purchased, the public footpath diverted and in 1958 the new premises were opened. With unique indoor rowing tank, workshop, committee room, changing and social facilities it was arguably the best in Europe at the time.

By 1960, my final year of Captaincy, over 200,000 tickets were being sold each week by the Wye Valley Pools. More than £4,500 was paid out in prizes – first prize being £3,000 – and £1,250 was going into the “Charity Pot”.

The Club continued to receive donations from the River Wye Guild until the Wye Valley Pools ceased operation in 1970. The reasons for its demise were threefold. Firstly the majority of sales emanated from the Welsh Valleys. Glamorgan Cricket Club started a similar competition and that support transferred. Secondly, a seven week strike by Postal Workers made distribution of tickets and collection of money almost impossible and thirdly, Hereford United set up a rival pool.

However, by this time we had our boathouse stuffed with new boats and equipment, our magnificent new Club House and an investment portfolio of £125,250. A huge sum at that time – all rather better than the crumbling wooden buildings, rotten boats and £270 in the bank in 1949.

I think it important to record that it was not only Hereford Rowing Club that benefitted from River Wye Guild donations. Around £300,000 was distributed in Herefordshire to other good causes and charities

- An annual donation was made to Herefordshire Community Council, The Mayor's Fund and the Lads Club.
- Money was given towards changing facilities on The King George Playing Fields.
- Hospital equipment was bought.
- Support was given to local churches, old folk's homes and schools.
- Hereford High School, Whitecross School and Bishops School formed rowing sections and with the Cathedral School and Belmont Abbey School were given full use of Club facilities for just 10/- per head per year.
- The riverside path was widened and tarmaced to the end of the Cathedral School playing field. Cattle grids were erected over streams and ditches providing unobstructed passage to Belmont Springs.
- Wooden seats and bus shelters were sited throughout the county for the comfort of local citizens.
- Christmas Hampers were distributed to all residents of Almshouses and the needy.
- The list is endless.

All that because we met by chance a chatty man on a train. Sadly we have no record of who he was.

Malcolm Sturtin. 21st July 2008