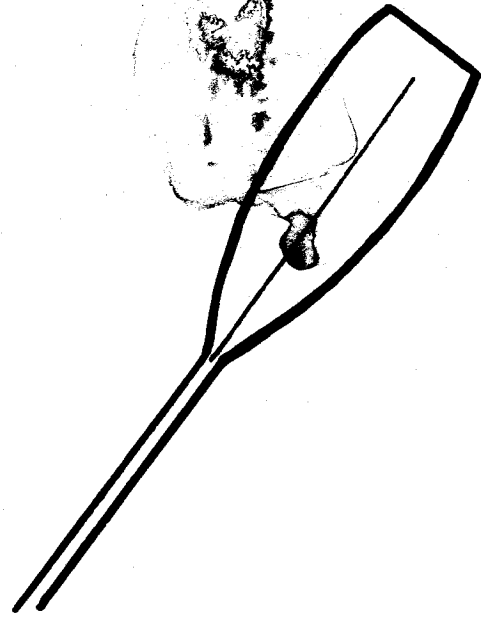
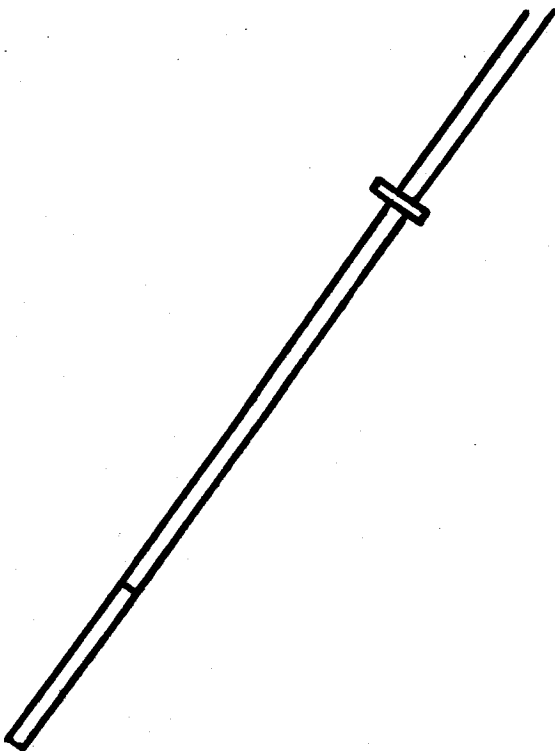


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Editorial

It would be easier to describe the disqualifications rather than the qualifications required of a potential editor of this publication - he or she should not move house, especially to a different town and even less to a house which needs a lot doing to it (and still does!); he or she should not produce the next generation of editorial oarsmen and above all should not be responsible for opening up a new branch of his or her firm. All of which is by way of saying - apologies for the delay since the last edition! And thanks to those who expressed concern at the possible demise of N.E.R.N. Attempts will be made to close the gap between this and the next edition.

Contributions are, as ever, always welcome whether straightforward news, comments, suggestions, etc.

With the regatta season now with us may I remind all clubs of the importance of press relations. Your regatta and your club can benefit from local publicity in the press and on local radio; with local commercial radio as well as the Deeb now on the air the opportunities for extensive coverage are even broader.

This edition is rather heavily slanted towards the A.R.A. Reps Report but I make no apologies for this as I believe its contents to be of importance and interest to all oarsmen and women in the area. Ron Bradbeer has asked me to point out that the traffic is not supposed to be one way - any complaints or suggestions about A.R.A. policy can be raised by him on our behalf at Council Meetings - so moan to R.D.B. rather than into your beer.

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## BOSTON MARATHON - 1974

The last edition of North East Rowing news carried an account of Durham A.R.C. winning row (and training). In reply we publish Tynemouth's account of their adventures in the same race - the two versions perhaps illustrate the appeal of this event - because it is there?

After racing at Tyne Sprints, the crew of Ward, McGuire, Flannery, Hastie, travelled through the night to arrive at Lincoln at 3 a.m., with their 45 year old fine four, the G.H. Wright. After only four hours sleep they competed in the Boston Marathon, a 31 mile endurance race. The crews were seeded with slowest crews starting first, Tynemouth was seeded 68th, and started racing at almost 12 o'clock. The first ten miles seemed fairly easy and an average speed of 10 m.p.h. was attained. One eight and one four were overtaken by our crew. After carrying the boat around Bardney lock we started on the final 21 miles at a slower speed yet still overtook another eight, two fours, and numerous pairs and scullers.

Looking at the map, we had estimated that the finish was at the fifth bridge we came to. When we arrived there, we were told we still had another 11 miles to go. After a great deal of moaning and groaning and muttering obscenities we continued on our way, stopping now and then to help other crews who had crew members collapsing. Funny, but Guys Hospital don't seem to know any first aid. We eventually reached the finish to sum up the days outing. We paid £4.50 entry fee, £19 petrol, about £10 on food, £1 for bolts to join the boat together ('Somebody' forgot our own) and endured 5 hours 58 minutes of blister-forming and back-ache (and other aches!!) all for a little printed penant which certified that we completed the course. However, I think we enjoyed it. We estimate that we will be able to sit down again by the time the A.G.M. arrives.

Finishing Position - 87th out of 106.

## TYNE LONG DISTANCE SCULLS - NOV. 2nd.

Held over the Scotswood to Newburn course this years event attracted 38 entries including 2 ladies. Veteran Bob Grubb once more showed everyone the way home while Tyne ARC convincingly won the Team prize thanks to a team whose members all won individual place awards in their classes as well as the team award itself.

TYNE LONG DISTANCE SCULLING RACE

" RESULTS "

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name &amp; Club</u>	<u>Time</u>
	(* = Restricted Boat)	m. s
1.	<u>R.E. Grubb, Cambridge '99, E</u>	18.13.8
2.	<u>G.G. Parsonage, Clydesdale, E</u>	18.34.0
3.	<u>D. Gattey, Durham U</u> SBP	18.44.0
4.	<u>J.E. Bell, Tyne</u> VP	19.16.8
5.	R.A. Raine, Durham U, SB	19.22.6
6.	<u>G. Appleby, Tyne</u> SCP	19.30.2
7.	I.L. Boyd, Tyne, SB	19.30.6
8.	P.B. Dack, York City, E(V)	19.36.0
9.	A. Ward, Leeds U, SC	19.41.2
10. *	G. Potts, Durham, E	19.42.4
11.	J.C. Kenyon, Durham, SB(V)	19.46.4
12.	I.P. Simpson, Durham U, SC	19.48.8
13.	S. Wanless, Durham, SC	19.59.6
14. *	<u>J.A. Beveridge, Tyne</u> SC(Rst)P	20.00.8
15. *	S.P.C.H. Woods, Durham U, SC	20.01.0
16. *	<u>N. Totman, Tyne</u> NP	20.18.6
17.	R. Yarrow, Blyth, SB	20.20.4
18.	I.H. Lenthall, Tyne, SC	20.23.6
19.	S. Glassborow, Tyne, N	20.31.4
20.	M.G. Wrottesley, Newcastle U, SC	20.42.8
21. *	A.W. Pope, Hatfield Co., SC	20.47.8
22.	A. Robertson, Tyne, SC	20.50.0
23. *	S.S. Knight, Durham U, SC	21.20.0
24. *	B. Carson, Durham, N	21.30.0
25. *	G. Brett, City of Glasgow, N	21.44.4
26. *	G. McGrath, Clydesdale, SC	21.45.8
27. *	P.B. Pickles, Newcastle U, N	21.47.6
28. *	C. Portman, Tees, N.	21.56.2
29. *	A.M. Taylor, Newcastle U, N	22.04.2
30. *	I. Somerside, Clydesdale, N	23.13.0
31. *	J. Barker, Tyne, N	23.24.2
32. *	R. Wood, Tyne, N	23.30.4
33. *	R. Cook, Tyne, N	23.38.6
34. *	J.M. Russell, N(V)	23.51.0
35. *	C. Lamb, Tyne, N	24.04.2
36. *	W. Elliott, Tyne, N	24.11.4

W. Sc

1.	<u>B. Jorna, Durham</u> P	21.58.6
2.	E. Barker, Durham	22.25.8

Team Event

1.	<u>Tyne A</u>	79.06.8
2.	Durham U	79.27.6
3.	Durham	80.58.4
4.	Tyne B	87.28.4

TEES ROWING CLUB 1974 SCULLING HEAD

The third Tees Scullers Head was held on November 16th. Entries were lower than anticipated due to the Northern Universities Regatta being held on the same day; however this was more than compensated by the quality of entry received.

There was a slight head wind on the day which prevented fast times being produced for the  $3\frac{3}{4}$  mile long course. The winner was Alan Whitwell of York City Rowing Club who provided an excellent finish by racing George Parsonage neck and neck down the home straight of the course.

The final finishing order was:

1.	A. Whitwell (York City)	Shell	24.48
2.	G. Parsonage (Clydesdale)	"	25.12
3.	I. Boyd (Tyne)	"	26.26
4.	C. Kenyon (Durham)	"	26.40
5.	B. Yarrow (Blyth)	"	26.56
6.	I. McQuattie (Durham)	"	26.58
7.	R. Burcham (York)	"	27.40
8.	R. Robinson (Tees)	Restricted	29.00
9.	C. Portman (Tees)	Novice	29.05
10.	G. McGrath (Clydesdale)	Restricted	29.15
11.	J. Russell (South Hylton)	Novice	32.28
	S. Wanless (Durham)	Scratched	
	N. Totman (Tyne)	"	

TYNE HEAD - MARCH 1ST

Forty three entries were received for this years race of whom 38 started (8 less than last year - principal fall off being in the best fours division down from 16 to 8). Conditions were a little better than last year - almost ideal in fact. So much so that only one crew this year failed to beat the fastest time of last year. For those who have forgotten last years headwind the winning eights time then was 21.44.0.

Apologies to DUBC winning VIII - I did not obtain your names for publication. Congratulations to Tyne who won both fours divisions and to Durham School who featured as Junior Winners and 4= in Restricted.

WINNING CREWS:

EIGHTS

Durham University BC

BEST FOURS

Tyne ARC

Appleby, Lenthall, Bell,  
Glassborrow, Cox, Cooley.

RESTRICTED FOURS

TYNE ARC

Marshall, Robertson, Totman,  
Beveridge, Cox, Power.

JUNIOR FOURS

DURHAM SCHOOL BC.

Tully, Richards, Ferguson,  
Howie, Cox, Thompson.

VETERANS A FOURS:

DURHAM ARC

Hole, Parker, Graham, Kenyon,  
Cox, Wardman.

Times and Positions in full:

EIGHTS DIVISION

1. DUBC	J.B. Crabbe ch. cup.	14.41.6
2. Edinburgh UBC		14.58.6
3. Newcastle UBC I		15.07.4
4. " " II		15.45.2

BEST FOUR DIVISION

1. Tyne ARC	B.A. Brown cup	16.32.8
2. Durham ARC (VA)	Veteran A Award	16.40.6
3. Aberdeen		16.48.0
4. Durham sch. BC (J) I.		17.04.6
5. Glasgow UBC		17.18.6.
6. Clydesdale/Argonauts		17.19.8
7. Durham Sch. BC (J) II		17.26.4
8. Tyne ARC (VA)		17.54.8

RESTRICTED FOURS DIVISION

1. Tyne ARC I	R.M. Robson Cup	17.10.4
2. Hatfield C.B.C.		17.20.2
3. Bede C.B.C. II		17.22.4
4. Durham ARC		17.25.0
Durham Sch Bc (J)	J. Rst. Winner	17.25.0
6. St. Joseph's Coll. (J) I		17.31.4
7. Durham A.R.C. II		17.32.6
8. Bradford UBC 1		17.36.0
9. Talkin Tarn ARC (J)		17.39.6
10. Tees RC I		18.00.8
11. Tyne ARC II		18.07.4
12. City of Glasgow		18.08.8
13. University College		18.12.0
14. Tynemouth RC I		18.18.4
15. Royal Grammar School (J) I		18.24.0
16. Glasgow UBC		18.28.6
17. Tees RC II		18.34.0
18 Whitby		18.40.0
19. Royal Grammar School (J) II		10.06.8
20. Bradford U.B.C. II		19.22.2
21. Newcastle Polytechnic		19.32.0
22. Tynemouth III		19.55.6
23. Blyth		20.10.6
24. St. Joseph's College (J) II		20.29.2
25. Tynemouth RC II		21.27.4
26. Tynemouth RC IV		22.27.4.

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REGATTA DATES 1975

April	26	Tynemouth
May	3	York Spring
"	10	Wear
"	17	Chester-le-Street Nottingham
"	24	Tyne at Home
"	25	Tyne
"	31	Hexham
June	7	Berwick
"	14	Durham
"	15	Durham
"	21	York Summer
"	28	Cambois South Hylton Leeds Nottingham International
July	3/6	Henley
"	5	Talkin Tarn
"	12	Blyth
"	19	Tees
"	18/20	National Championships
"	26	Chester-le-Street
August	21/24	World Champs (W. Lwt)
"	26/30	World Champs (Men)
September	6	Tyne Sprint
"	21	Boston Marathon
"	27	York Sprint
October	18	South Hylton L.D.Sc.
November	1	Tees Sc. Head
	8	Tyne L.D.Sc.

REGATTA RUMBLINGS

Durham Regatta this year returns to the use of the Long Course for certain events. This follows completion of the new road bridge which not only makes access by visiting crews from the north much easier (by avoiding the market place) but also spans the river completely and causes no obstruction. Coxes beware, the old Elvet Bridge is still very much there.

National Championships at Nottingham are now firmly established on the rowing calender - but have you ever been to them ? Have you ever seen 6 lane racing by the best crews in the country ? As suggested elsewhere by Ron Bradbeer, why not hire a bus and make a day trip to the finals on Sunday 20th July. If Durham ARC can fill a 40 seater bus for a trip to "the Head" surely Division One can do the same to Nottingham - see you there.....?



OBITUARY

ERIK BROWN

J. Erik Brown died suddenly in his workshop at the Boathouse, Elvet Bridge, Durham City on January 16th aged 70.

For many generations of Northern oarsmen his racing boat building and repairing business formed a renowned and seemingly indispensable part of the rowing scene.

Erik Brown was the son of a boatbuilder and on his father's death in 1947 he took over the business. He himself had already taken an early interest in the sport becoming an accomplished amateur sculler at a time when the professional sculling races held on the Tyne often captured the public's imagination. Over the years he often used to cast a knowledgeable eye over the various Durham crews and scullers which used to pass by the window of his riverside workshop and on occasion his comments on their varied styles showed a deeper understanding of the basic qualities of rowing than was sometimes to be found in the coaches of those crews.

Whilst Erik Brown only built a small number of racing boats in the course of his business, each one displayed the craft and skill of a master builder at its highest, though his own modesty never allowed him to admit to such skill. But it will be as a repairer of racing boats of all types, shapes and sizes that Erik will be best remembered among the Northern rowing community. Each job, small or large, was carried out with skill, care and on attention to detail which many would have done well to observe. Those who met him will always recall the warmth of his character.

He leaves behind a devoted wife and <sup>the</sup> sport of rowing made poorer by his loss.

AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING 1ST APRIL 1975.

At the December meeting of A.R.A. Council a number of rules of racing and part of the Constitution were amended. This information has already been sent to club officials. Please check that you have seen it.

- (1) Regretfully, Ebchester R.C. has been removed from the list of Registered Clubs. As many people will know, Ebchester has been in difficulty for sometime because of a lack of members. The remaining Officials felt that there was no point in paying A.R.A. fees if the club was not competing in Regattas. However Ebchester has not gone out of existence and I think that there is a sufficient number of people living in Ebchester who have strong connections with the club to ensure that when anyone wants to start sculling or rowing, the club can be brought to life again.
- (2) The question of restricted specification has been under discussion for a long time and it was finally agreed by council to agree the new specification for restricted boats. This is as follows:-

SPECIFICATIONS

	<u>Eight</u>	<u>Coxed Four</u>	<u>Coxed Pair</u>	<u>Sculler</u>
# A. length	58'	42'	32'	24'6"
# B. Beam over inwales at master section	25"	24"	22"	16½"
# C. Depth, top of sax -board to bottom of boat at master section	13½"	12½"	12½"	11"
# D. Total state- room	4'4"	4'4"	4'4"	4'4"
E. Stretcher adjustable for long and short legs. Fastenings to be non-corrosive and substantial.				
F. Swivel rowlocks.				
G. Centre-seated.				

\* Races for Restricted VIIIs at Regattas will be withdrawn at the close of the 1978 season.

Existing clinker boats of the former specifications may continue to be used, but all boats built after 31st August 1969 conform to the above specifications when used for Restricted Boat events.

CONSTRUCTION: In wood, aluminium, plastic, fibreglass or any other materials; boats may be smooth-skinned and of hard chine type if desired. Durably built for life of 12 years.

All restricted boats must have a full-length outside keel of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " depth and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " base (fairing to stem and sternpost).

A gauge is available to Regattas to check the dimensions of Restricted boats.

#### PERMISSIBLE VARIATIONS

No variation in hull shape is permitted, but boats may be rigged as desired. Regattas, when offering Committee boats, should ensure that each pair is similarly rigged. Fin rudders may be fitted.

This is very important and with the tendency in this area to do away with Committee boats, I think that clubs having restricted boats are well advised to take a note of the new specification. There is a world of difference between the old specification and the new specification.

- (3) Bob Janousek is now living in Addlestone, Surrey. He was promoted to Principal National Coach from the 1st December 1974. The new National Coach has been appointed with effect from the 14th April 1975. He is called Mr. M.R. Armstrong and lives in the Liverpool area. His duties have not yet been defined and the Association has yet to determine the "who does what" question for the three National Coaches.
- (4) The Pelham Scale increases for staff have had a serious effect on the A.R.A. budget for 1975/76 and the Council has approved a working party consisting of the four officers of the Association plus two Divisional Representatives (Martin Brandon-Bravo and myself) to find means of increasing income. I should be grateful if anyone who has any bright ideas on this topic can share their secret with me!
- (5) Coaching Award Scheme Courses will be held in 1975/76 as follows:-
- |              |   |                  |          |
|--------------|---|------------------|----------|
| Exeter       | - | October/November | (Bronze) |
| Nottingham   | - | 2-8 January      | (Bronze) |
| Chester      | - | October/November | (Bronze) |
| Bisham Abbey | - | Autumn           | (Gold)   |
- People who are attending the Gold level Course must be nominated and do not merely apply.
- (6) At the instigation of the Regattas Committee, the Council approved the institution of a National Umpires Commission, a Regional Umpires Commission and a Multi-Lane Umpires Commission. It was also agreed that Regattas offering Committee Restricted Boats should make available to potential entrants details of the rig of the boats being provided for racing. A Veteran Rowing Committee has also been approved.

- (7) Films formerly held by the Amateur Rowing Association are now held by Guild Sound and Vision Limited of Woodston House, Oundale Road, Peterborough, PE2 9PZ. There is a different scale of charge for the hire of films details of which can be obtained from Guild Sound and Vision (or from myself).
- (8) Although the Amateur Rowing Association is not financially responsible for the World Championships at Nottingham in August, John Garton, President of the A.R.A., gave a full report of the progress in connection with the arrangements for the World Championships which now appear to be well advanced.
- (9) Attendance at Holme Pierrepont has often been extremely disappointing and both for the National Championships in July and the World Championships in August, it would seem to me that there is no reason why Division 1 could not arrange a bus to go for say, the finals of the National Championships and the finals of the World Championships. The expense to the individual would be very small indeed. The National Championships need all the support they can get because the cost of staging them is so high. For the World Championships, you cannot get a higher standard and if we are interested in rowing, then surely the least we want to do is to see the best that is available.
- (10) In case anyone is wondering where A.R.A. News has got to, difficulties are being experienced in the production of a quarterly edition and when the next production appears, you will find out what the problems are and how they are being overcome.
- (11) All Clubs will have received a letter from Peter Coni (Chairman of the Executive Committee) about the liability of clubs' social members to pay A.R.A. Registration fees. The letter seems to be quite clear but anyone who is in doubt should either write direct to the A.R.A. or have a word with me.
- (12) Following the approval of the Clubs in Division 1, there is now a new Rowing Council which is known as the North East Rowing Council and comprises Divisions 1, 2 and 4. A form of constitution is being considered and details will be circulated in due course.
- (13) It was agreed by Council that the racing colours of every club should be recorded by the A.R.A. at the time of its affiliation, such colours and any subsequent changes in them being notified to the A.R.A. from time to time.

(14) Hexham Boat Club is in difficulties as it has almost no active members. By arrangement with the Sports Council I am running a course at Hexham Boat Club for adults on the 4th and 11th May. The aim is to introduce adults to the sport who will then be able to introduce new members and thus build the club up within itself. The difficulty about seeking school boy members only is that there are insufficient members of the club at present to be able to cope with any worthwhile increase in numbers from schools alone. Anyone who feels able and willing to help should let me know.

(15) Finally and least, I was re-elected as Division 1 Representative for a further 3 years from the 1st April 1975 to the 31st March 1978. Anyone who objects has only got himself to blame by not nominating somebody else in opposition.

#### CONSTITUTION FOR THE NORTH EASTERN ROWING COUNCIL

As mentioned above a North East Rowing Council has been created and the constitution is as follows:-

(1). TITLE

The Council shall be known as the North Eastern Rowing Council.

(2) OBJECTS

- a) To uphold and raise the standard of oarsmanship in the North Eastern and East Midland region.
- b) To assist rowing clubs, regattas and time race committees in the North Eastern and East Midland region.
- c) To nominate and assist at Junior and Senior level any potential international oarsmen in the area.
- d) To provide a forum where clubs, regatta officials and time race officials may discuss matters of interest and concern to oarsmen in the region.

(3) MEMBERS

- a) The Council shall consist of representatives from all clubs, schools, and colleges within Divisions 1, 2, and 4, together with representatives of registered regattas and time trial events within the region covered by those Divisions.

(3) MEMBERS (continued)

- b) Each club, school, college, registered regatta or event shall have one voting representative at Council meetings, but shall not be limited as two members who may wish to attend.
- c) The following shall also be members of the Council and shall have one vote:-
  - (i) The representatives of Divisions 1, 2 and 4 to A.R.A. Council.
  - (ii) Any office holders in the A.R.A. Council or anyone appointed, co-opted, or elected on the Council providing they are members of a Club represented on the North Eastern Rowing Council.
  - (iii) Divisional officers elected by a member Division, such officers not exceeding five in number.

Note: Any individual representing more than one organisation shall be entitled to only one vote.

(4) SUBSCRIPTIONS

An annual subscription from members will be levied, the amount to be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

(5) OFFICERS

The following officers shall be elected annually and hold office for a maximum of three consecutive years after which they must relinquish office for at least one year, except the Secretary/Treasurer who shall be elected annually.

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice Chairman
- c) Secretary/Treasurer
- d) Training Officer

and any other officer which from time to time Council deems necessary.

(6) GOVERNMENT

a) Meetings

- (i) The Council shall meet twice per year, preferably in April and September, fourteen days written notice being given to each member.
- (ii) The Annual General Meeting shall be held immediately prior to the September meeting.
- (iii) The Council may alter and/or add to the Rules at any General Meeting, but only with the approval of A.R.A. Proposed alterations must be sent to the Secretary in writing and must be circulated by him to the members at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.
- (iv) Quorum. At a General Meeting any member of any club in the Council (affiliated to the A.R.A.) may attend and speak but only those present and representing clubs and committees appointed under Rule 3 may vote. There must be a quorum of at least ten voters before any motion be put to the vote; in the event of an equal number of votes being cast the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

(7) FINANCE

- a) The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain an account at a branch of an appropriate bank in his or her home town, subject to the approval of Council.
- b) Cheques may be signed by any two officers of the Council.
- c) The accounts shall be audited each year, the auditors to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

- (8) WANTED - Fine coxed four, 2-3 years old. Must be in good condition, 12-13 stone. Will view anytime! Reply to Martin Longbone, (Berwick ARC) 35 Osborne Crescent, Tweedmouth, Berwick on Tweed.

## CLUB NEWS

Tees Rowing Club have taken delivery of two new restricted sculling boats from Roland Sims. The Club started the season well with wins in Novice and Senior C Fours at Tynemouth.

York City R.C. seem to have found a sculler to follow in the footsteps of the Dacks and Gills. Alan Whitwell who won the Tees Scullers Head in November by beating George Parsonage, finished 15th in the Thames Scullers Head and won both Senior B and Elite Sculls at York Spring Regatta. Rumour has it that he has been training for 3 hours a day.

Berwick A.R.C. have found a shell four. Kindly ignore the advert elsewhere in this edition!

Durham ARC suffered the body blow all clubs dread when they were burgled on three occasions earlier this year. The amount of cash stolen and not recovered and the cost of a burglar alarm system almost killed off plans for a new shell four but this should soon be ordered. A concentrated few months of fund raising will be call for from members.

Tynemouth R.C. and York Spring Regatta set an example to all by sending full results of their regattas to North East Rowing News - thank you gentlemen, it makes the editor's job a lot easier.