



Club news

Bedford Regatta

Glorious weather 156 entries, 127 races, and the best crowd for years. These ingredients provided for a splendid days racing.

Two visitors from overseas Trident R. C. South Africa and Shawnigan Lake School, Canada competed against a strong domestic entry including the usual large schools entry.

Schools triumphed in 13 of the 29 events, Westminster being the most successful with 4 wins. Of the local clubs Star won two, Bedford School and Bedford Modern School one each. In the Elite and Elite 'B' Vllls Lady Margaret won both and London R. C. won the Senior A Vllls from Trident R. C.

Of local interest was the defeat of St. Pauls School, winners of the Special School Race at Henley this year, by Bedford School who won the same event at Henley the previous year.

Curlew Launch Supporters' Club

Following Curlew Rowing Club's recent increase in the junior section and ladies section the club has launched a sure winner.

A Curlew Supporters Club now offers the opportunity of winning cash prizes and keeping the successful Thames club based at Crane Street, Greenwich floating high.

The club, established in 1866 is one of the oldest rowing clubs on the Thames.

Curlew caters for every type of member, from the Sunday morning casual, the social member to the keen competitor.

Crews contest all local regattas and now has ONE OF THE STRONGEST YOUTH SECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

Already this year crews have won



Bedford School beating St. Pauls in a heat of the Senior Vllls.

several local regattas plus three trophies at the prestigious Chester and Norwich Regattas.

Curlew's recently formed *women's crew* entered the National Championships — they have a good chance of going right to the top, according to their coach ARA official Peter Blaseby, who coaches at the club.

It is hoped that the profit from the draw and the increased use of the bar will help with mounting costs. Approximately 50p out of every £1 will be given away as prize money — membership will be limited to 100.

The first draw was held at the Club house during the Rob Roy Regatta.

Russell Andrews leaves "Swans nest"

It will be a great loss to the Club when Russell and Sally and family leave "Swans Nest" to take over the "Farms Arms" a Free House at

Coombe Flory, near Taunton, and our best wishes for the future join those of their many "Swans Nest" friends. Russell a dedicated member of Exeter Rowing Club since 1960, joining in and organising many of the sporting events, in addition to Rowing — The Swans Nest Run, and 3 Inns, have been planned by him which have attracted many members from other Clubs to take part. The highlight of his rowing career was in 1970 when with Mike Baker, John Ibbett, Paul Reynolds and Martin Kerslake (Cox) when they won the Senior Championship (only 2nd time in the Club History since 1864). Due compliment was made to them at President's Supper at Gipsy Hill and the reception given by the Mayor of Exeter, Mr. Percy Hilton at the Guildhall.

A date to note

Curlew Junior 'Head' — Greenwich — November 3rd.