

# Ellie Nicholson for Rowing Sabbatical

Proposed: Matt Neve (BNC) Seconded: Will Randall (Trinity)



## Experience I would bring to the job:

OURCs Secretary 2006-Present - This would enable me to be of help to next year's committee in organizing events, and also to advise other river users with their regattas (eg. Oriel).

SHBC Social Secretary 2005-6 - Organising events to raise money for SHBC has taught me the importance of money making and organizational skills.

Ball Committee 2004 - helped organize Leavers' Ball at school, which has given me experience of managing events.

Sold Advertising Space and pursued sponsors - I have experience in persuading people to buy space in brochures and magazines and to sponsor events outside their usual brief.

## What I would do for OURCs:

- Attempt to continue the current sponsorship deal for the year 2008 - 2009. If this is not possible, pursue other companies with a view to getting sponsorship from them. This would enable affiliation fees to be lowered.
- Organise regular swim tests and capsized drills so that all who wish to may attend, and listen to feed back over times so that all can make them.
- Maintain a list of useful contact details such as the EA and the lock keepers so that college boat clubs may easily and quickly get in contact.
- Improve college involvement in race committees to prevent any perceived 'monopoly'.
- Investigate the possibilities for lock defenses in order to allow colleges to boat in faster stream conditions.
- Investigate the potential for running launch driving courses on the Isis.
- Meet with other river users so as to maintain optimum working relations.
- Fully look into contingency plans for Torpids so as to prevent a repeat of this year.

I would love to be elected Rowing Sabbatical as I bring to the job a wealth of experience and ideas, and would continue the work of the previous Sabbatical Officers. Working with the committee and the captains, I wish to help Oxford Rowing look to the future, ever improving.