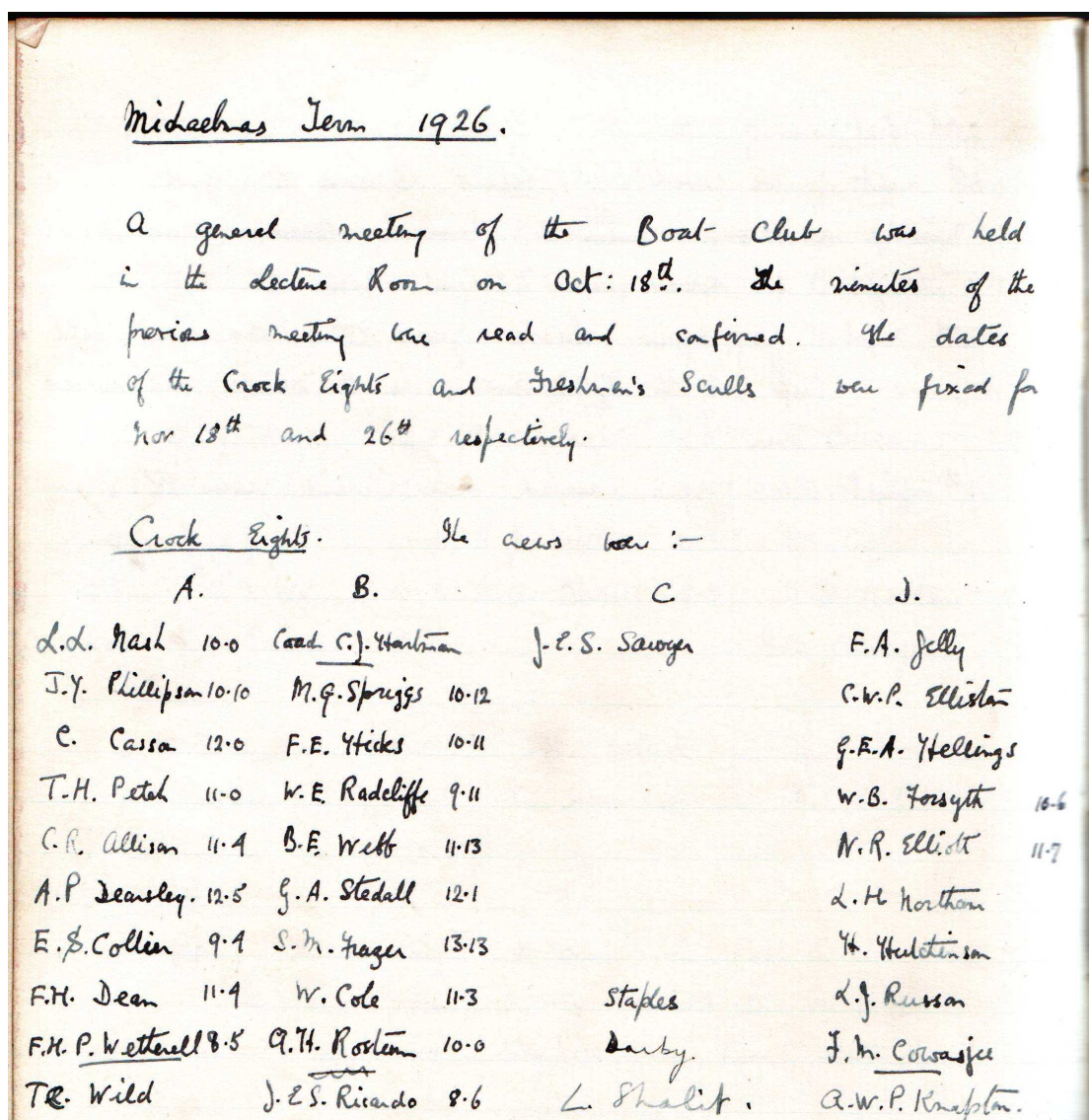# St. Catharine's College Boat Club Junior Trial Eights

St. Catharine's College has always had a very strong Boat Club. Its origins can be traced back almost 180 years and within the archive there is material for the Club dating back to 1876. A history of the Boat Club back to the 1930s can be read on the Boat Club's website at http://www.boatclub.caths.cam.ac.uk/node/15.

This article focuses on one particular race for which we are fortunate enough to have a description from the Boat Club Minute Book and one of the tankards presented to the winners. Alas we have no photographs of the race, but perhaps if any old members do have photographs of this or any other race or function that they may be willing to give to the College, they could get in touch with the Archivist.

Page from the Boat Club Minute Book in which the two Junior Crews, 'C' and 'D' can be seen.

A report of the Junior Crews race, it reads:

> In the Junior divn [division] "C" crew at back station
> gained rapidly at the start and held their
> advantage till the Long Reach when D crew began
> to draw ahead, finally winning by one second.
> The conditions were ideal.   In 8-56

One of the tankards presented to the winning crew was kindly given to the College in 2009. The tankard marks the occasion and notes the names of the winning crew.

Other material that the archive has relating to the Boat Club includes photographs, accounts, dinner menus, badges, blazer buttons and some oars. Of all the sports clubs in the College the material relating to the Boat Club is the most varied!

If you would be interested in seeing any of the Boat Club material or have material to donate to the archive please get in touch with the Archivist. Email archivist@caths.cam.ac.uk or write to The Archivist, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. CB2 1RL.