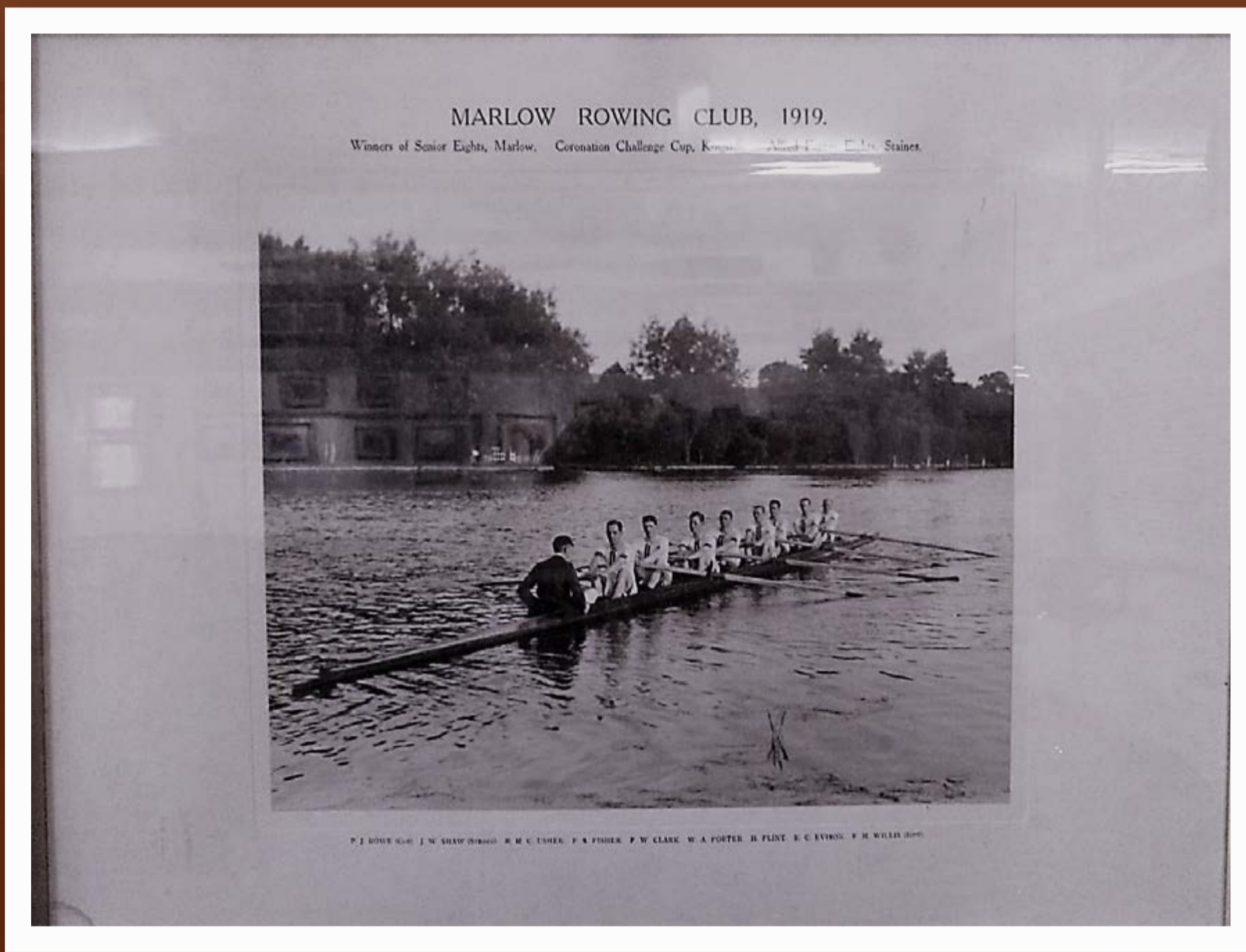


Rowing after the War

In 1919, rowing resumed with five members of the 1913-14 eight available. The Club entered every regatta staged and won at least one race at all regattas, except Henley. The eight won races at Marlow, Kingston and Staines. The Junior Four went through the season without losing, winning events at Marlow, Walton, Molesey and Staines.

In the Marlow Victory Regatta programme from 1919, it is particularly poignant to see the number of crews from St Dunstan's and Worcester College for former servicemen blinded during the War. Many of the crews in the Regatta were from the armed forces, including representatives from USA, New Zealand and Australia, racing against crews from English clubs and colleges.



The Marlow Crew of 1919

Rowing at this time was a much different sport from that we know today. There were no races for Juniors by age. There were few women rowing although the Club had allowed women as members from 1911. There is also a report that on 14th June 1919, the Club lent the boathouse and boats for the first ladies race in eights on the river, between Newnham College (Cambridge) and the London School of Medicine for Women (London University). A crew of Marlow Rowing Club Ladies beat the London School of Medicine for Women the following year in a private fixture.



Marlow Regatta Programme 1919. Photo courtesy of Tony Evans.

By the end of the War, 19 Club members had served and died. Many more were wounded, some so badly that they could never row again. In recognition of the heavy loss of life, the Club commissioned a memorial plaque to the 19 men and boys who had died. It is now on the wall above the entrance to the clubhouse.



The War Memorial in the clubhouse. Photo courtesy of Jeremy Rowe.

