

## **Boston Head 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

A successful annual 'Boston Head of the River' race took place on the River Witham this weekend attended by more than 20 rowing clubs from around the country. Three divisions throughout the day resulted in 170 crews and nearly 300 rowers taking advantage of the high water levels from Anton's Gowt to Boston Rowing Club's boathouse.

Nottingham Rowing Club proved to be the inform club to beat and took away 12 status wins, followed by Norwich Rowing Club on 8 wins. Boston Rowing Club were limited to mainly junior crews on the day as members assisted in ensuring the smooth running of the event as hosts. Boston did taste success however as Will Campion and Ben Thomas (Nov 2x) ensured victory in one of the largest status classes of the day, and won by an impressive 11 seconds over their nearest rivals and seven other boats, in 10:26. The pair looked very strong and composed on their home water and rowed a good technical race. Harriet Housam gained 3rd place in her WJ15 1x single scull in 12:25 and continues to progress well. The women's novice coxed quad of Lorrie Armstrong, Megan Malloy, Livi Rynston and Nicole Hendy coxed by Nick Stow had their maiden event as a crew and showed promise with a 3rd place in 12:30. The women's eight of Leanne Cozens, Angie West, Fuchsia Summerfield, Jasmine Cross, Emily Gall, Catherine Grayson, Ailsa Linnell, and Violet Summerfield coxed by Nick Stow rowed exceptionally well and after an impressive start and maintaining good balance were beaten to first place by Peterborough City (10:58). Ben Thomas then linked up with his Nottingham regional team partner to attempt a second race in J16 double scull, beating his previous time by one second (10:25), but unfortunately piped into 2nd place by four seconds by the Norwich RC crew. Nicole Hendy and Harriet Housam gallantly attempted to hold off five other crews in the WJ15 2x double sculls but found themselves out of trophy contention after a time of 12:35. Boston's final crew of the day saw Catherine Grayson and Fuchsia Summerfield in the women's novice double scull and after a controlled race could not quite match their York City rivals and recorded a good time of 11:40.