

Ancholme Head 11th October 2009

Eighteen members of Boston Rowing Club attended the Ancholme Rowing Club's Head of the River Race in Brigg on Sunday; a 2700m race spread over 2 divisions. Out of our 14 crews entered an impressive six class wins were achieved against a total of 153 crews from York, Sheffield, Bradford, Lincoln, Nottingham, Doncaster and Brigg.

The fastest Boston boat of the day was also the fastest junior 16year crew overall, where 'Bill and Ben' alias Ben Thomas and Will Campion, rowed their double scull (J162x) to 23rd place overall and a well earned class win in 11mins:20seconds.

Special congratulations go to Adrian Apletree who received a tankard for the fastest veteran single scull (Vet B/C Nov 1x). The class win was deserved reward for the early morning and late evening rows that Adrian commits to and helped him to 35th place overall in 11:43, a massive 50 seconds faster than his nearest rival.

The women's novice coxed quad consisting of Nicole Hendy, Leanne Cozens, Ailsa Linnell, Emily Gall and Cox Nick Stow, produced a smooth and encouraging display by finishing in 12:14 (57th overall) and almost two minutes ahead of their nearest rivals for their WNov 4X+ class win.

Fuchsia Summerfield and Catherine Grayson had possibly one of the closest class win finishes of the day by beating York City by 2 seconds in 12:27 (63rd overall). This also gave them their second event win over the last two head races.

Nicole Hendy steered her way to a second medal of the day in the Junior 15 year's double scull bow position with stroke team member Harriet Housam in 13:20 (101st overall) and 10 seconds in front of St Peters York.

In a well executed row Boston's final class win went to Sue Durrant and Lorrie Armstrong in the Women's veteran double sculls (W Vet C/D Nov 2X) who rowed home in 14:05, thirteen seconds ahead of Bradford to finish 122nd overall.

The standard of the rowing and fitness levels from all the club members is improving week by week, which is a reassuring reward for the commitment of all the BRC coaching staff. Other times from BRC crews were:

Nov 4+ - A. Apletree, M. Housam, A. Cook, H. Apletree - 11:40 (32nd). 3rd in class.

Mxd Nov 2X - N. Stow, F. Summerfield - 12:05 (51st). 2nd in class, 4secs behind the winners.

J16 1X - B. Thomas - 12:08 (54th). 2nd in class, 2secs behind the winner.

Nov 1X - H. Apletree - 12:16 (58th). 2nd in class, 5secs behind the winner.

W Nov 4+ - E. Gall, Z. Hudson, C. Grayson, A. Linnell, H. Campion (Cox) - 12:45 (76th). 2nd in class, 4secs behind winners.

WJ15 1X - H. Housam - 12:53 (88th). 2nd in class, 2secs behind winner

Mxd Vet C Nov 4X - L. Armstrong, M. Housam, S. Durrant, A. Cook, - 13:17 (99th)

J16 1X - W. Campion - 13:31 (111th). 5th in class.