

Scrumpy Row 2009

Boston Rowing Club took three of the top five places at the Ancholme Rowing Club's annual 'Scrumpy Row' from Brigg to Brandy wharf on Sunday.

The handicapped row over a 7 mile (11.5k) course on the river Ancholme had 21 of the club's members, with a wide range of experience between them making up 12 of the 37 crews taking part, which included crews from; Ancholme, Peterborough, Huntingdon, Doncaster, Grosvenor, Leicester, Lincoln and Bradford rowing clubs.

In glorious spring sunshine, but rowing into a strong head wind Boston's own Harriet Housam swept home in first place. The club's 13 year old won the race in a single scull by an astonishing 5 minutes and 53 seconds (with handicap), and with an actual rowing time of 1 hour 1 minute was able to beat a selection of other singles, doubles and quad sculls on time alone without handicap.

Fourth place overall was secured by the successful family pairing of sisters Violet and Fuchsia Summerfield in a J17 double scull. The girls achieved good technique throughout even with the windy conditions and had only a marginally better handicap time than several more experienced crews. Fifth place overall went to the Mxd Novice Double of Catherine Grayson and Nick Stow who rowed Boston's actual fastest time for the course in 52.08 without handicap.

All Boston rowers performed well on the day. Aaron Jeffery continues to show promise in the J15 single sculls as he battled to catch Will Champion and Ben Thomas who both had very solid performances. Henry Apletree showed his consistency with a 54.23 in a single which was 5 minutes ahead of Adrian Apletree and Andrew Cook who performed well in a Veteran Novice Double Scull. With this also being Andrew's first competition since joining the club after completing an Adult Learn to Row course earlier this year. Chris Belton also rowed a sure and steady race finishing in 11th place.

One of the most encouraging rows came from Boston's other J14 girl Nicole Hendy. Nicole finished in 12th place after only picking up oars about 9 months ago for the first time. The Junior 17 quad of Hannah Champion, Zoe Hudson, Emily Gall, and Ailsa Linnell showed good timing and determination and finished only a minute behind the women's veteran quad of Angie West, Leanne Cozens, Sue Durrant and Lorrie Armstrong, which finished in a highly commended sixth place.

Times:

H Housam 1st - 30:02

V/F Summerfield 4th - 37:52

Stow, Grayson 5th - 38:08

West, Cozens, Durrant, Armstrong 6th - 40:06

Belton 11th - 40:50

Hendy 12th - 41:54

Champion, Hudson, Gall, Linnell 13th - 42:07

Thomas 15th - 42:20

Apletree 21st - 43:23

Champion 32nd - 49:15

Apletree, Cooke 34th - 50:56

Jeffery - 36th - 59:05

(All times with handicap)