

Masters of Trentside 2015

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On February 28th Veteran crews from the Tyne, Wear, Great Ouse, Ouse, Severn, Dee and Nene, but, apart from Reading, no-one from the Upper Thames or Tideway, descended on the Trent to compete with East Midlands rivals in an attempt to become 'Masters of Trentside'. Rival Clubs Nottingham Rowing Club and Nottingham and Union Rowing Club combined to run a very successful event, where competitors from 27 to 85 were able to race in Masters events from A to I .

Brainchild of Chairman Tony Lorrimer, who also designed the unique medals, the event was run in two divisions: the first was for Men's fours & quads and Women's eights, and division two for Women's fours & quads and Men's eights. The course was the same as for the Head of the Trent - from Clifton Bridge to the Training Ship Orion, a distance of 5,700m

In events with two entrants a gold medal was awarded to the winner, while in those events with five or more entries gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded. If a veteran category contained a single entry the crew was entered into a group pool and the winner was determined by applying age handicaps.

Race day weather was overcast and cool; river conditions were good with a steady flow and flat water making for good racing.

Division One was won by a Peterborough/Star Quad leading Leicester Rowing Club by 10 seconds. Other winners in the morning event were: Nottingham and Union Masters F Quad, Reading Rowing Club Masters H 4+, Bridgnorth Rowing Club Masters E 4+, Nottingham Rowing Club/Derby RC Masters F 4+, Burton Leander RC Masters C Quad, York City RC Women's Masters C Eights, Nottingham Rowing Club Masters D 4+ (Andy Brown, Shane MacSweeney, Mike Walker and Paul Williamson, cox Clare Angus), Durham ARC Women's Masters D Eights and Newark Rowing Club Masters C 4+.

Division Two winners were Bedford/Nottingham Rowing Club Masters G Eight. Other afternoon medallists were: York City Masters D Eights (gold), Bridgnorth RC (silver) and Nottingham RC (bronze); Leicester/Trentham Women's Masters C Quads; Nottingham RC Women's Masters D 4+ (Sarah Royles, Gill Titterton, Elly Welham and Ruth Hyde, cox Ellie Townsend), and Durham ARC Women's Masters D Quads.

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The event was a great success, being well-organised with a friendly atmosphere. Feedback received has been uniformly positive, and we hope that the event grows over the next few years.

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Battling it out outside the clubs



Nottingham Rowing Club's winning Women's Masters D coxed four

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Peterborough City / Star quad

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Winning Bedford / Nottingham crew