

British Rowing Masters Championship 2015 - four golds and two silvers for Nottingham

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The British Rowing Masters Championships were held at Holme Pierrepont over the weekend of 13th/14th June, and attracted a record entry of 795 crews confirming that Masters rowing is in great health. The ages of competitors ranged from 27 to over 80, showing that rowing really is a sport that that people can continue to enjoy over a lifetime. Saturday, when most of the sculling events took place, was calm but wet, while Sunday was dry but overcast with a NE breeze.

Nottingham Rowing Club came away with four gold and two silver medals, putting them 11th overall (out of 108) in the competition for the Victor Ludorum, which was won by Wallingford RC. "A pretty good day at the office" commented Club Captain Helen Bloor.

On Saturday, in the H/I (over 70s) quad sculls **Bill Payne**, **Carl Unwin**, **Tony Lorrimer** and **Stuart Wharton**

won gold; this was Tony's 100th win of his rowing career and his very first Championship medal.

Bill Payne

and

Peter Taylor

won gold in the J double sculls for the over 80s.

Steve Daw

won silver in the Novice E singles for over 55s.

Sunday was a drier but windier day. **Berni McCabe** and **Helen Bloor** won silver in a composite D coxed four (over 50). The boat was coxed by

Josh Kaye

who has just joined the club; it was his first Masters medal having previously coxed at Durham University. Berni and

Helen

with

Sarah Royles

then won gold in a composite D eight. The final race was a win for a B four with

Cassie White

,
Lou Townrow

,
Helen Bloor

and

Berni McCabe

,coxed by

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In the straight final of the Open D eights, the crew of Chris Beesley, Iain Hill, Andy Brown, Andy Townsend, Mike Walker, Shane MacSweeney, Graham Angus and Paul Williamson, coxed by Carole Dickinson, were drawn against last year's winners Upper Thames and a group of ex-internationals from London Rowing Club. Only one medal was on offer and although the crew had a good row and beat last year's winners, London put up the fastest time of the day and took the gold. Henley Masters in July will see the same crews competing for silverware on the Thames.

Nottingham Rowing Club are to hold an Open Day at their Trent Bridge home on Sunday July 12th. Anyone interested in this all-age, all-ability activity should contact Berni Maccabe via nrco.penday@gmail.com

For a general report on the BR Masters Championships see

<http://www.britishrowing.org/news/2015/june/17/masters-champs-goes-strength-strength-0>