

## **Rushcliffe Sports Awards 2015 - and the winner is Tony Lorrimer!**

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The Rushcliffe Sports Awards 2015, a joint venture between the Borough Council and the local School Sport Partnership, took place at the Becket School on Wednesday 25th November. Guests were welcomed by Councillor John Cottee, and BBC Sports Reporter Andrew James, an ex West Bridgford School pupil, conducted the evening.

Nottingham Rowing Club was short listed in three categories: Junior Team of the Year, Community Coach of the Year and Roll of Honour.

Lucy Holgate and Hannah Stocks, winners of the Anglo-French double sculls gold, were runners up to rugby team Corsairs as they were at the Evening Post/Nottingham City Awards. Junior coach and East Midlands rowing team manager Declan Gamble was runner up in the Community Coach category.

Andrew James then used the following information to induct Tony into the Rushcliffe Roll of Honour for input into the sporting life of the Borough.

**TONY LORRIMER (Vice-President NRC)**

**INPUT INTO THE LIFE OF THE CLUB.**

In 1974 Tony joined Nottingham Boat Club with his wife Liz who became the first female rower since its foundation in 1894! Tony coached her to win in Double Sculls at National Championships, and the pair was selected for the GB quad, with Tony coaching, at World Championships.

1976-82 Using his 'Carbo-loading' plan, Tony won 16 titles and set 4 course records for the 32 mile Lincoln-Boston rowing marathon.

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1978 Tony became Captain of Nottingham Boat Club. During his captaincy, the club won over 100 trophies for the first time. Women won medals at the National Championships. He raised the aspirations of members.

From 1986 Tony has Chaired the 'Spooner Fund': monies raised from the sale of the club's Spooner original provide income for club projects. Tony's advice on finance is invaluable and well-heeded.

His current project is to revitalise the 'Presidents Club' which supports members on international duty. 2 girls were recently funded in Rio at the World Junior Championships.

INPUT INTO LOCAL ROWING.

1979 Took on the organisation of the Autumn Sculling Head (of the Trent) - 20 years on it is regarded as a premier event.

Tony Chairs Nottingham City Regatta, this is now a two day event catering for all levels from elite to master rowers.

The Head of the Trent and Masters of Trentside are also in his rowing brief.

Closing remarks by Andrew James brought the enjoyable and very successful evening to a close.

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Below: Helen Bloor presents Tony Lorrimer with a plaque to mark 50 years of his involvement with rowing

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