

Press Release from Bedford Rowing Club – 13th April 2010

Local rowers were out in force on Sunday 11th April at Bedford Rowing Club's annual Spring Fours & Small Boats Head of the River Race. The event is run as time-trial over a 2,000 metre downstream stretch of the River Great Ouse from Queens Park to just past the Butterfly Bridge. Racing started at 9.15 on Sunday morning with groups of boats going off every 75 minutes

Host club Bedford Rowing Club won 6 events. The winners of Women's Intermediate 2 coxed four of Sara Orme, Claire Newton, Liane Higgins, Nicky Hardy and cox Lydia Swift were also the fastest womens coxed four of the day. Leon Taylor won Elite Single Sculls in a time of 07:35 beating his nearest rival by 19 seconds. Tom Robb won Masters B Single Sculls, Sara Reay won Women's Master CD handicap Single Sculls and Phil Dickens won Masters B Novice Single Sculls. Club President, Dave Catlin, teamed up with Mike Harris to win Master EF Handicap Double Sculls beating their nearest competition by 1 minute 14 seconds.

The men's Novice double scull combination of father and son Dominic and Jonti Vincent raced well in their first race together to finish only 7 seconds behind the winners. Matt Larkworthy missed out by 1 second in the Mens Junior 18 Single Sculls event.

The most hotly contested event was Men's Novice Coxed Fours with 24 entries, the winners were Cantabrigian Rowing Club from Cambridge. The winners of Junior Double Sculls even was a composite crew with Peterborough City RC/Dallas RC, USA.

The next event held in Bedford will be Bedford Amateur Regatta on Saturday 15th May. Full details at www.bedfordregatta.co.uk.