

Fours Head result sets a new standard

Mima Boardman reports :

This year's trip to the Tideway for the Fuller's Fours Head of the River on 12 November 2005 was a great success for the lightweight club. Two boats were entered, one coxed and one coxless. The options for the coxless four were limited as to which category they could enter as only Elite was on offer. This placed them up against the top heavyweight crews in the country which included many GB athletes and trialists. The crew of Sarah Cornick, Natalie Beveridge, Tamara Simmons and Hannah Smith-Willis raced exceedingly well to finish in 3rd position behind Thames rc and Mortlake Anglian and Alpha- Excellent Performance at Fours Head . The coxed four of Linda Reynard, Meghan Treleaven, Liz Rowles, Mima Boardman and Alastair Stewart raced in Senior 3 Academic, against not only universities, colleges and schools from across the country, but also against Osiris crews. This boat succeeded in coming fifth in the event behind two Osiris crews, Oxford Brookes and Southampton, less than fifty seconds behind the openweight winners. Brilliant steering saved seconds for both crews, and our safe return to St Paul's is a great example of how much control the steerspeople had over their boats - well done! All participants enjoyed the experience of racing on the tideway in such calm conditions, and it was an idyllic starter for those who were novices to this stretch of the Thames.

Elite 4- Hannah Smith-Willis, Tamara Simmons, Natalie Beveridge, Sarah Cornick; 3rd place, 21:27.96

S3 4 : Mima Boardman, Liz Rowles, Meghan Treleaven, Linda Reynard, Alastair Stewart; 5th place, 22:06.54

