

Strong performances at the Fours Head

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Henley Rowing Club's winning Senior 3 coxed four

The Head of the River Fours took place last Saturday on the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race course from Chiswick to Putney.

Henley Rowing Club were represented by their senior men, senior women and junior women squads who were entered in a total of ten boats.

Henley had many very encouraging results at the first major event of the new season which sends a strong message for the year ahead.

All crews performed exceptionally well with particular praise going to the Senior 3 Coxed Four which won the Senior 3 pennant in 20 minutes, 25 seconds. This was a particularly good performance considering the youth of the crew with two of them also novice oarsmen. Stroking the boat was Elliot Cole with Sam Hayes, Oliver Williams, Nick Mead at bow and cox, Alice Skinner.

The Senior 2 Quad Scull of Richard Guiver, Mike Lambourn, David Read and Chris Clark at stroke also had a very good race finishing in a fast time of 19.28 coming third in their category behind two Leander crews and 15th fastest boat overall.

Approaching Hammersmith they were on course for a potential top ten place but at the bridge there was congestion with several of the slower boats in front holding them up adding vital seconds to their time. Chris Clark stroked Henley's Fawley Cup Quad to victory earlier this summer at the Royal Regatta then went on to represent Great Britain at the International Junior Regatta in Beijing.

The Senior 1 coxless four also came third in their category while the Senior 2 Coxed Four came sixth.

The recently reformed senior women's squad did well with J. Hookey, S. Cooke, Alexandra Cairns and Rose Bosnell coming second in Womens Senior 2 Coxless Fours. Unfortunately the womens quad A boat had to be scratched because of illness with just the B boat racing.

The junior women were also represented with two quads with the A boat producing a good time of 21.50 which put them in fourth place in the category beating LEH and Headington.