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HRC makes its mum's proud this Mother's Day with over 13 wins

This weekend saw a multitude of racing events, culminating in Vesta Veterans head on Mothering Sunday. There were many reasons for Henley's mums to be proud as there were countless wins across all Junior and Masters squads at The Schools Head, The Junior Sculling Head (also known as The Scullery) and on the boat race course the Vesta Veteran's Head. Sadly the Men's Head of River Race on Saturday was cancelled due to strong winds, but if it were not for this, all factions of Henley Rowing Club would have been out in force.

The racing started on Thursday at The Schools Head on the boat race course. HRC's Junior Girls were there in numbers at both events and came away with the medals in every category in which they raced. Thursday's race which should have been run over the boat race course, had to be significantly shortened due to the strong winds, making conditions dangerous on parts of the course. In the top girls event, the "Championship Eights" the crew of Lauren Kay, Ella Morgan, Lottie Orr, Georgie Robinson Ranger, Mary Wright, Georgia Edwards, Clare Pearson, Issy Jonnson cox Freya Reid picked up the silver medal behind Headington, but these two crews were well clear of any other opposition. In the "1st Eights" event - Henley's second eight of Amy Sotnick, Rebecca Lister, Alicia Redman, Tilly Lock, Alice Jones, Grace Johnson, Phyllis Barter Daisy Butterworth, cox Emeline Warner took Gold comfortably. The WJ16 quad of Felicity Parfitt, Phoebe Fletcher, Sophia Hahn and Amelia Crick also took clear victories.

On Friday both the girls and boys competed at Dorney at The Scullery, racing two 1900m legs of the course. The wind that thwarted the Men's Head, did not stifle HRC's squads whom took home some fantastic victories. In WJ18 quads, Lauren Kay, Ella Morgan, Clare Pearson, Georgia Edwards took silver, and in WJ17 quads Georgie Robinson Ranger, Lottie Orr, Mary Wright, Issy Jonnson took Gold. Tilly Lock, Phyllis Barter, Alice Jones and Grace



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Johnson also got Gold in WJ17 quads for seconds boats. The WJ16 Quad of Felicity Parfitt, Caoimhe O'Donohue, Sophia Hahn and Amelia Crick took silver just one second behind Latymer. The WJ15 squad who had finished fourth in their eight at the Schools Head, split into two quads and the Crew of Georgia Brown, Carla Russell, Amber Weller, Hannah Hills, Freya Reid cox, took gold beating 71 other crews in the event, whilst the crew of Jess Roberts, Pheobe Snowden, Amy Howard, Hazel Drury, Ella Nelson Cox, finished 7th of the 71 and took the Silver for second boats.

In the WJ14 quads, in their first major event Riley Butcher, Holly Tallent, Darcey Smith, Della Luke, Cox Chloe Beeton finished seventh of the 58 crews whilst Holly Thompson, Emilia Dobson, Kat Copland, Annabelle Hoogenberg, and cox Poppy Wilson, took the Bronze medal for second boats. The medal tally for the girls over the two days was 5 Golds, 4 Silver and 1 Bronze, with everybody who competed on both days taking home a medal.

The winning ways of the girls were continued by the boys, who were also competing at the Junior Sculling Head on Friday. With a massive entry of 66 boys crews from all over the country, the Henley J15 A quad of Euan Turnell, Grant Taylor, Ed Roy, Dan Crick and cox Charles Washbourn won a fantastic silver medal, missing out on the gold by just four seconds. The B quad of Sam Beattie, Alex Carr, Charlie Garnham, James Penrose and cox Chloe Beeton won gold in the B event and 15th overall, sculling a very controlled and technically solid race. So to come away with both quads receiving medals was an outstanding achievement at this national event.

And just when you thought one club could not win any more accolades, it was the turn on the Mums (and Dads) at the Vesta Veterans Head. This mother's day treat that was particularly sweet for the mother and daughter(s) that competed in the Women's Mas D category. Bethan and Linda Thomas both rowed in the event, with Bethan's younger sister Katie coxing. They had a great row finishing 6th out of 16 boats competing. There were also some strong performances from the Mixed Mas C boat, finishing 3rd and the Master Novice boat finishing a 2nd. As ever Henley's Master's were willing to join forces with other clubs to provide a potent winning mix. A combination women's crew featuring HRC rowers won the WMas E and an HRC/UTC came 2nd in the Mas D category. This boat was the ninth fastest on the day (out of all the boats that raced).



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From young to not so young, from Mothers to daughters, Henley Rowing Club has successful rowers across all ages. With Easter just round the corner, there's all the more reason to join in the fun and get fit before the onslaught of chocolate eggs. For membership enquiries, please contact membership@henleyrowingclub.org or ring 01491 573 943.

Fig.1 HRC WJ18 win the First Eights at The Schools Head

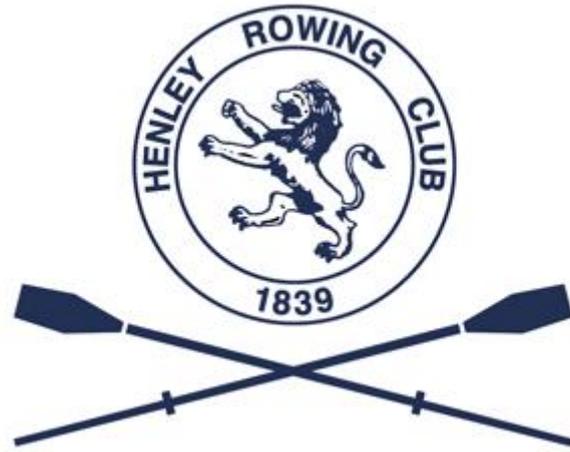




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Fig 2. HRC Linda Thomas, proud mum after coming 2nd at Vesta Veterans head in WMasD – rowing with both her daughters.





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Fig.3 HRC's Master's squad after a successful day at Vesta Veterans Head



Fig. 4 HRC's young girls win at The Scullery this weekend



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