

Junior Inter-Regionals

Fantastic results at Junior Inter-regional Championships (photos added)

Walton's younger rowers did us proud at last week-ends Junior Inter-regional Champs at Nottingham. For most of them it was their first experience of a proper 6-lane regatta and they all performed brilliantly with every crew making the A final.

Sam Ball and Holly Jones showed their incredible potential by winning the bronze medal in the J16 pairs, even though they are only 14 and 15! They then teamed up with Julia Clarke and Joanna Fish to go one better and get the silver medal in the fours, Joanna raising the rate to 42 to come from a length down in 3rd place to snatch silver in a photo finish! Very mature racing from all four girls, and a credit to their coach Andrew Cook who won a club-record 4 JIRR medals as an athlete, and now 2 more as a coach!

Alex Jones, Sam Johnson (stepping in on the day for an injured James Burton), Matt Wade and Sam Knight rowed an excellent heat, and final to match the girls by getting the silver medal in the boys four too. Matt and Sam were denied a second medal, when very harshly disqualified for drifting out of their lane in a very fast J16 doubles final.

Sam Young, Dan Patton, Joe Taylor, Dean Robson, and cox Kieran Reals did very well in their first major regatta to make the J15 quad A final and finish a creditable 5th overall against very strong opposition.

Our youngest competitors Harry Gaywood, Ali Douglas, Ollie Knight, Callum Gathercole and cox Laurence Fain just missed out on the medals, with fourth place in the J14 quads. This bodes well for next year as several of them are still J13