



Men's over 44s Enoch, Irvine and Boehm.



Ladies under 16s Fulford-Perez, Ritchie and Green.

# Chelmsford take major titles

## National Championships

Reading managed to find a couple of half reasonable days from a cold and wet early summer, sunny intervals and just a light westerly breeze. Caversham church fête on the far side of the river from the lower of the two portages had a silver band playing gently to add to the ambience. Entries seemed to be down a touch but they had been getting out of hand.

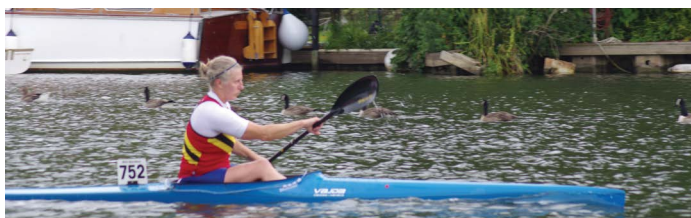
First away with the younger veterans and juniors were the C1s. Of the five there were just two high kneeling C1s, George Bell and Anna Palmer being significantly faster than the seated C1s.

There were only two junior C1s, both from Richmond, paddling among the older K1s, Owen Chisholm beating Andrew Elliot by nearly three minutes.



Starts often saw separate groups forming on each side of the river, as was the case with the senior K1s. James Russell and Matthew Johnson, whose brother retired from the race, led the leading group away and were clear of the rest before they reached the second portage and that is how it was going to stay, the first two places for Chelmsford but in which order? Johnson did most of the work but Russell got away from the final portage to win by 48 seconds.

In the under 23s Henry Freeland and Timothy Dowden broke free of the leading group around the first portage and kept together to the line, Freeland just getting his nose ahead at the finish. There was also a fairly tight race for third place, taken by Gabriel Popham-Coveley from Arthur Morley, Daniel Sklenar and Isaac Pipe, nine seconds separating these four.



Trish Davey.



Men's under 16 winner Roeser.



C1 winner George Bell.



C1 winner Anna Palmer.



Sklenarova, Ball, Dunlop and Payne.



Matthew Johnson and men's K1 winner James Russell.



How, Newlands, Birkett and Hicks.



Timothy Dowden and under 23 winner Henry Freeland.