

# Fun in the sun – and in the water!

AN IMPRESSIVE display of paddle power produced a great day out for a sun-soaked bumper crowd — topped off by the spectacular sight of a dragon boat capsizing.

One of the biggest cheers of the day at Manvers Lake on Saturday afternoon greeted the unexpected — and refreshing — soaking of the

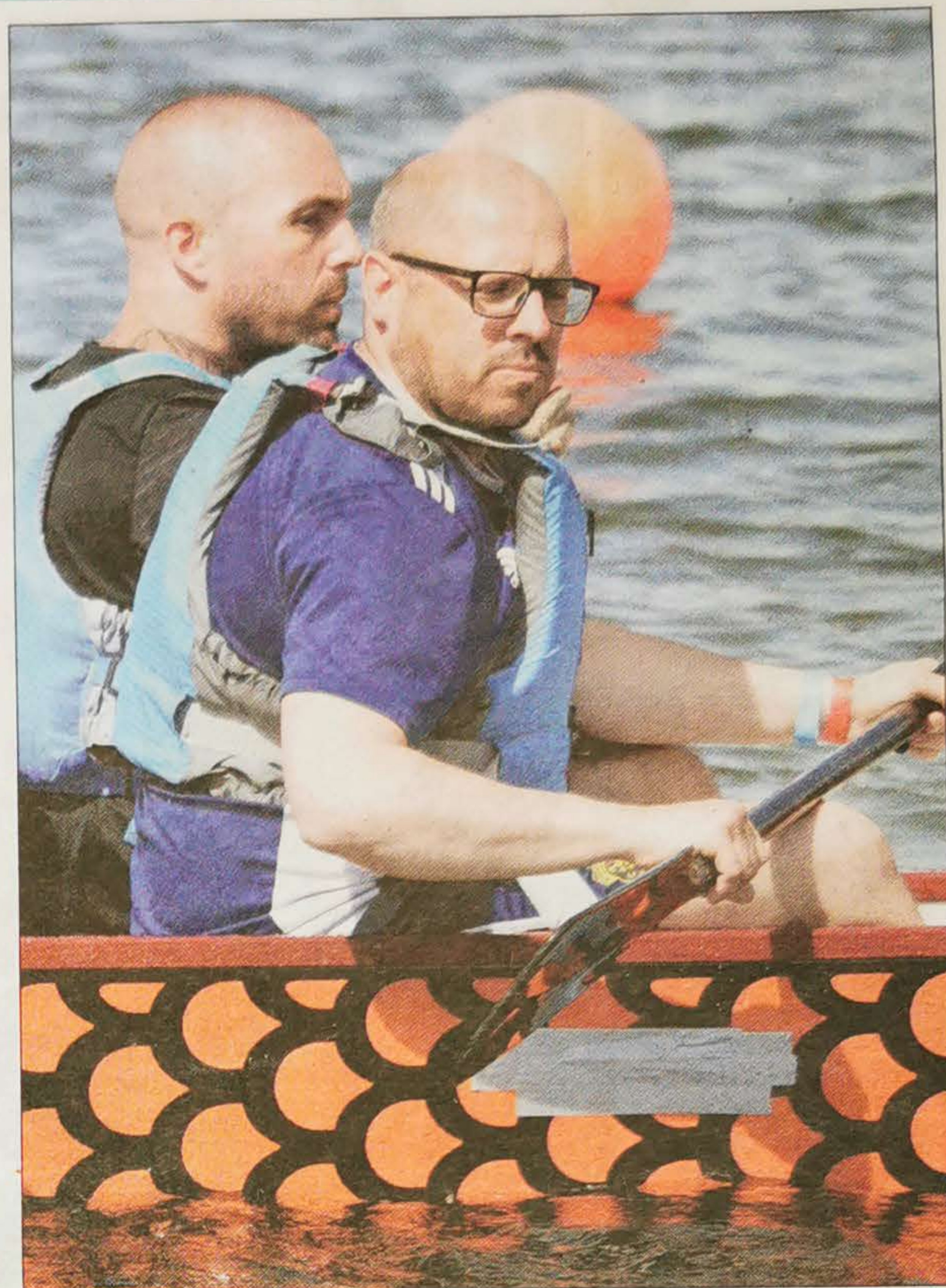
valiant GXO team in the beauty spot's water-borne showdown.

Teams entered by businesses and bunches of mates battled it out on the water in aid of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, with the powerhouse squad from Rotherham Crossfit (pictured below) taking the top spot.

The Crossfit crew, many of whom had never taken to the water before, narrowly pipped Next Distribution to

the post in the nail-biting finale, with the Sheffield Hong Kong team coming third.

There was also water safety advice on offer from the likes of Sam's Army Mission and South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue and a display of classic cars from long-time hospice supporter and Jaguar collector Stuart Dixon, as well as fairground rides, charity stalls and fun games.



The tension shows before the start. 220586-7

Beth Cole, events fundraiser at Bluebell Wood, said: "It's been another great year for our popular dragon-boat racing, which always draws the crowds."

"Thanks to the teams who took part, all those who came along to cheer them on and our amazing volunteers — it really was a day to remember."

"Every penny we raised on the day will help us to be there for children and families who sadly don't know how long they have together."

Bluebell Wood's next fun event is their first Mucky Pups dog obstacle course on October 2 at Thoresby Park.

Visit [www.bluebellwood.org/Event/mucky-pups-2022](http://www.bluebellwood.org/Event/mucky-pups-2022) for details.



That winning feeling. 220586



The crowd at the boathouse. 220586-1



Some of the classic cars on display. 220586-13



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