

AIRE & WHARFE GALA 4

The Aire & Wharfe Gala 4 was held on October 12th. I have to say, being poolside “helping out”, really does bring to light the hard work and commitment the volunteers and coaches put into these occasions. Not only was there a vast amount of swimming talent on show from the competitors, which was wonderful to see, it was inspiring to see that it was all carried out with a smile and an abundance of enthusiasm.

There were 28 events held in total, comprising of 63 heats and 14 finals.

Gala 4 Skipton Entrants were:

Event 1: Girls 9/10yrs 25m Butterfly Blossom Oddy Isabella Wallace Isabella Wright Rita Box Aimee Lawn	Event 2: Boys 9/10yrs 25m Butterfly Harris Thompson	Event 3: Girls 15yrs/Over 100m Backstroke Madison Turner	Event 4: Boys 15yrs/Over 100m Backstroke Sergei Shved
Event 5: Girls 11/12yrs 50m Freestyle Emma Lawn Jodie Midgley Hannah Bamford Isobel Palmer Evie Eccles Ruby Byrne Phoebe Roe Amelia Redfearn Lily Long-Prior Katie Simpson Fennella Turner	Event 6: Boys 11/12yrs 50m Freestyle Lewis Ayre Spencer Cook Archie Appleby Zak Sheriff Rowan Box Samuel Smith Joseph Burgess James West	Event 8: Boys 13/14yrs 200m IM Roan Sheriff	Event 9: Girls Open 50m Breaststroke Isabella Wallace Emma Lawn Aimee Lawn Blossom Oddy Jodie Midgley Isabella Wright Rita Box Ruby Byrne Evie Eccles Phoebe Roe Fennella Turner Katie Simpson
Event 10: Boys Open 50m Breaststroke Archie Appleby Joseph Burgess James West Rowan Box	Event 11: Girls 11/12yrs 200m Freestyle Team Skipton Arrows: Fennella Turner Amelia Redfearn Phoebe Roe Evie Eccles Skipton Bullets: Ruby Byrne Isobel Palmer Hannah Bamford Jodie Midgley	Event 12: Boys 11/12yrs 200m Freestyle Team Skipton Arrows: Samuel Smith Roan Sheriff James West Joseph Burgess	Event 13: Girls Open 200m Medley Team Skipton Arrows: Fennella Turner Amelia Redfearn Phoebe Roe Evie Eccles Skipton Bullets: Ruby Byrne Isobel Palmer Hannah Bamford Jodie Midgley

Rita Box, having swum strongly in the heat of the 25m Butterfly, made the final for this event, in which she came 3rd with a time of 18.46sec. Well done Rita! In the same event for the boys, Harris Thompson came 2nd in his heat, therefore making the final, and succeeded in taking 1st place in 18.67sec.

In the 13/14yrs Boys 200 IM, Roan Sheriff made it out of his heat to make the final, where he had a very impressive swim taking the 1st place trophy home.

A stand-out performance of the evening was the Mens Open 200m Medley Team, Sam Smith (12), Roan Sheriff (14), James West (12), & Joseph Burgess (12) showed their potential in a strong field, where they competed to the best of their ability, coming in 3rd with an impressive swim in this open event.

The Girls Open 200m Medley Team hoped to continue the clubs successes in the team events, and they didn't disappoint. Fennella Turner, Amelia Redfearn, Phoebe Roe & Maddison Turner all swam excellently in a tight race to secure 2nd place.



Madison Turner, in the Girls 15yrs+ 100m Backstroke came out of her heat easing her way to the final, in which she came 1st with a time of 1:07.50.



Mention must also be made of the final event for the Boys 11/12yrs 50m Freestyle. Four of our swimmers made this event, Sam Smith, Joseph Burgess, James West and Zak Sheriff. They shared the lead in this race from the start, with Sam just edging it to take 1st place (29.57), 2nd Joseph Burgess (32.14), 4th James West (34.19) and 5th Zak Sheriff (34.82). Fantastic!



Fennella Turner made it to the final of the Girls 11/12yrs 50m Freestyle, in which she triumphed with a time of 31.53sec.



The Boys 11/12yrs 200m Freestyle Team qualified for the final, Sam Smith, Zak Sherrif, Joseph Burgess & James West eased into the lead where they stayed for the duration, coming in 1st with impressive swims and deservedly claiming the trophy with a great time of 2:10.72.



The Girls 11/12yrs 200m Freestyle Team qualified for the final where Fennella Turner, Amelila Redfearn, Phoebe Roe & Evie Eccles lead from the start. They came in 1st with impressive swims and deservedly claimed the trophy with a time of 2:16.75.