

## North Yorkshire League Swimming Gala, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Scarborough SC sent a very young team to the first gala of the season at Thirsk on Saturday evening. With only the Open swimmers having any experience it was inevitable that the team would struggle in the age group races. However, the spirit and effort by every swimmer was excellent, especially when they were swimming against older opposition.

In the Boys Open 100m Backstroke Josh Hoggarth snatched a close win in 1.21.21; he later achieved an excellent result in his first ever attempt at 100m Butterfly with a time of 1.22.20 finishing second. Both Max Smith and Rob Harvey also claimed second spot in their 100m Breaststroke and Freestyle races respectively.

The Open Girls were even more successful with Hannah Thraves winning the 100m Freestyle in a new personal best time of 1.09.78 and Sarah Roberts taking the 100m Butterfly. They combined with Katie Mould and Amy Hovington to take second place in the Medley Team Relay before going on to claim top spot in the Freestyle Team Relay.

Two 11 year old girls, Emma Keith and Molly Swales, did really well competing in the Under 14 100m Butterfly and Breaststroke events.

Congratulations are due to all the swimmers who took part, showing good competitive spirit and sportsmanship throughout. The next gala in this league takes place at Pickering on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Team result:

1 <sup>st</sup> Thirsk White Horse	165pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ryedale	119pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> Scarborough	91pts
4 <sup>th</sup> Derwent Valley	86pts