

# **A and B Gala Scarborough Saturday** **16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

The morning of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June dawned bright and early for the swimmers of Bridlington Swimming Club who were attending the annual A&B Gala at Scarborough Swimming Indoor Pool. There were around 300 swimmers taking part in the gala from clubs from all around the country, so a good and competitive day was expected by everyone taking part.

The gallery was full to brimming point with the enthusiastic parents of all the children, all hoping and praying that it would be their child's day to gain a medal, or at least take seconds off their personal best time. The time 9.30a.m. came round and the first of 22 events began.

First race up was the 11 years Boys 100m Backstroke (A Grade) Matthew Nelson 6<sup>th</sup> place 1.08.77.

Event 2 Girls 14 years 100m Backstroke (A Grade) Sophie Robson 1<sup>st</sup> place 1.18.38, (B Grade) Rebekah Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1.18.19.

Event 3 Boys 15+ Boys years 50m Butterfly (A Grade) Adam Moland 6<sup>th</sup> place 43.60, (B Grade) Wayne Oakley 17<sup>th</sup> place 1.02.66.

Event 6 Boys 11 years 50m Butterfly (A Grade) Corey Mead 1<sup>st</sup> place 36.13, Anthony Smith 7<sup>th</sup> place 45.81, (B Grade) John Oakley 3<sup>rd</sup> place 44.97.

Girls 50m Butterfly (B Grade) Gaenor Gibson 20<sup>th</sup> place 51.20.

Event 8 Girls 12 years 100m Freestyle (A Grade) Kimberley Nellist 5<sup>th</sup> place 1.12.64, (B Grade) Ceri Gibson 16<sup>th</sup> place 1.25.12.

Event 9 Boys 14 years 200m I.M. (A Grade) Matthew Nelson 4<sup>th</sup> place 2.25.76, (B Grade) Andrew McNulty 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2.44.76.

Event 10 Girls 14 years 200m I.M. (B Grade) Rebekah Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2.48.15, Sophie Robson 5<sup>th</sup> place 2.52.10. Event 13 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay 4<sup>th</sup> place 2.02.39.

Event 15 Boys 14 years 100m Breaststroke (A Grade) Matthew Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1.16.44, (B Grade) Andrew McNulty 1<sup>st</sup> place 1.25.98.

Event 16 Girls 14 years 100m Breaststroke (B Grade) Rebekah Smith 1<sup>st</sup> place 1.26.53.

Event 17 Boys 15+ 100m Butterfly (A Grade) Ben Holland 5<sup>th</sup> place 1.08.20.

Event 19 Boys 9/10 years 50m Freestyle (A Grade) Adam Morland 1<sup>st</sup> place 37.90, (B Grade) Wayne Oakley 13<sup>th</sup> place 43.21.

Event 19 Boys 11 years 50m Freestyle (A Grade) Corey Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> place 33.36, Anthony Smith 7<sup>th</sup> place 37.04, John Oakley 10<sup>th</sup> place 39.04.

Event 20 Girls 11 years 50m Freestyle (B Grade) Gaenor Gibson 11<sup>th</sup> place 41.61.

Event 22 Girls 100m Backstroke (A Grade) Kimberley Nellsit 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1.19.91, (B Grade) Ceri Gibson 15<sup>th</sup> place 1.37.55.

The day was a great success for all the swimmers with medals and personal best times. Everyone seemed to be having a fun time with the music playing and the dancing taking part on the poolside. Everyone went home that night happy with what they had achieved.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June, the morning arrived and everyone was ready for another days great swimming. This was not to be however. During the night there had been a major electrical fault taking away all the heating from the pool, so the water was cold and the level of chlorine could not be guaranteed. Therefore, the only thing that could be done was to cancel the whole days gala. This was very disappointing for everyone concerned, but no blame could be attached to anyone. All the swimmers and their supporters were informed, and they dually went on their way. Lets hope next year we get a better end to what was on course to being a great gala for everyone concerned.

See you all next year.