

Carnegie youngsters at Geordie Wotherspoon

Carnegie's young novice league swimmers competed at the Geordie Wotherspoon Memorial Gala held at FIPRE on the Sunday afternoon of 13 September 2009. Four teams took part swimming in two age groups (9 and unders boys and girls and 10-12 years boys and girls).

In the younger age group, 8 year old Eilidh Lister won a silver medal in the 25m freestyle swimming an excellent time of 19.36secs. There were good swims from Lucy Ross(25m fly) James Beattie (25m backstroke) and Elliot Hill (25m breaststroke) and the team also included some first time gala swimmers in Orla McQuade (8), Ellie Reid (7) and Connor Thornhill (6) who swam 25m backstroke, 25m breaststroke and 25m freestyle respectively. A big "well done" to all of our younger swimmers.

In the 10-12 age group, there was a gold medal for Hamish Neil in the 50m fly in a PB time of 46.30secs. A silver medal was won by Jordan Dingwall in the 50m freestyle, just failing to beat the 40 sec mark, nevertheless swimming a PB time of 40.66secs. There were also bronze medals for Aidan Mitchell in the 50m backstroke (46.84secs) and Stacey Miller in the 50m breaststroke (51.23secs) both swimming personal best times. Making up the teams and just missing out on the medals were Lucy Hallam, Holly Sim, Taylor Fox and Aaron Inkster.

It was very pleasing to see a great team spirit from the Carnegie team, with some of the older "veterans" giving the younger swimmers lots of encouragement.

In the overall team event, the Geordie Wotherspoon trophy was won by a very strong Fins team, Carnegie finishing in 6th position.