# Best Day (So Far, Arguably) At Counties

**With twenty-four more age group medals and a further nine County Senior or Junior top three placings, Day 5 was arguably our best performance so far in the 2024 championships. Alice Buckingham and Matt Wright both won three more individual events. For others it was theirs first experience of the Counties Championship environment as the relays once again saw medals won and lost by the narrowest of margins.**

Daniel Guimaraes collected his first medal with a bronze in his 10/11-year Boys’ 100m Butterfly, after finishing 6th over 100m Backstroke. That backstroke events proved very lucrative for our male swimmers with Thomas Fenwick, George Saunders and Matt Wright all victorious in their respective age groups. Oliver (Olly) Fenwick’s silver in the 15 years’ age group placed him as the second fastest Junior; a feat he repeated in his 200m Individual Medley. George Saunders’ 100m backstroke time in the 14 years’ age group also saw him placed third fastest Junior in the County.

Tommy Fenwick won his 13 years’ 200m IM after also gaining a silver medal over 200m Fly. Jack Canham was placed 6th in that IM with Ethan Huntley 12th.

In the 14 years’ 200m IM George Saunders was 5th with George Rhodes 11th. Emmanuel Kolobius was 6th in the 15 years’ 200m IM with Owain Roberts 12th. Emmanuel however came away with an individual silver for his 100m Fly.

Olly, George Saunders, Arnold Canares and Emmanuel combined to win the silver medal for their 14/15 years 4 x 50m Freestyle relay., just 0.12 seconds ahead of the third placed team.

Mat Wright picked up his day’s hattrick of gold medals for the 17 years and over Males’ 200m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly, claiming the Senior Championship title for each of them. Subject to ratification, Matt’s 100m Butterfly time of 56.75 was a new County record by over two seconds.

At the opposite age range of the championships, Alice Buckingham proved invincible in the 10/11-year Girls 200m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke. Subject to ratification her Freestyle and Butterfly times also bettered her age group’s Club records. Ruth Biscoe finished 6th, 9th and 15th in those three events with Inaaya Sampong claiming 7th and 8th spots over 200m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly. The three girls were joined by Tilly Scrivener to win their age group’s 200m Freestyle relay by just half a second. In the 50m Breaststroke there was no splitting Mary Battersby and Inaaya who finished 12th equal with Ella Kolobius 14th, Freya Strange 19th and Tilly 20th.

Four of our girls swam in the 12 years’ 200m Freestyle with Violet Rhodes 11th, Katie Biscoe 15th, Alanna Njawaya 17th and Clara Newby 18th. That age group’s 400m IM was won by Violet Rhodes with Olivia Piaskowska 9th and Katie Biscoe 12th. Clara Newby took 12th place in the 400m IM whilst Katie finished 7th in the final of her 50m Breaststroke.

Lexie Sandiford once again stood tall against older competitors to be placed third fastest Junior female after winning her 13 years’ age group 400m IM in potentially a new Club age group record. Lexie took home individual medals of each colour following her victory, with a silver and a bronze in the 50m Butterfly and Breaststroke races. Lucia Day just missed out on a medal in the 400m IM being placed 4th with Clara Leon 7th. Over 200m Freestyle Lexie was 6th, Lucia 7th with Kaylyn Sampong 14th and Clara Leon. Both Kaylyn and Clara also competed in the 13 years’ 50m Breaststroke, but Gina Collinson was placed above them in 10th position.

Our 12/ 13 years’ 4x50m Freestyle relay of Lexie, Lucía, Clara and Kaylyn won the team silver medal, by 0.12 second but their male counterparts of Ethan Huntley, Jack Canham, Elliot Bown and Tommy Fenwick went one better to be the 12/13 years team champions.

Three individual gold medals were won in the 14-year female age group. Emily Calvert won the 400m IM with Nicole Cashin third. Amerie Njawaya won the 200m Freestyle with Nicole third and Ella Pruce in 4th spot. In their 50m Butterfly Amerie was again champion, with Emily Calvert finishing 6th and Lauren Tough 7th in the final and Lily Jo Evans 11th fastest in the heats.

A team medal however eluded Nicole, Emily, Ella and Amerie as they finished 4th in their 14/15 years’ 200m Freestyle relay event, less than a second outside the bronze medal position.