

## 2014 Inter Counties Swimming Meet Report

This year the meet was held at John Charles Aquatic Centre in Leeds. The four teams from Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Northumbria and Yorkshire (unfortunately Cumbria couldn't put together a team this year) battled it out for Northern County honours.

As usual there was assembled the finest and fastest fleet of masters swimmers from our local clubs, BOK, York, Ilkley, City of Sheffield, East Leeds and others. Thirty-three swimmers in total competed for Yorkshire, one of the largest teams in the national competition, reflecting just how many quality swimmers there are in the county. We had welcome returns from previous inter county stalwarts such as David Emerson who broke his own British record in the 45+ butterfly, Josh Spencer, Lisa Dobson, Alice Carey, Vanessa Grayson and David Holmes who all swam brilliantly. Special mention to the new kids on the block, Kirsten Cameron, Oche Igoche, Rebecca Garforth, Emma Ross, Kirsten Durrans, Hillary Crick, Ethan Somerville-Jones, Debbie Crossland, Sam O'Donohoe & Stephen Heselton.

Some swimmers travelled from other parts of the country to compete for their county with particular mention going to Lizzie Bentley who drove up from Worcester just to swim.

In past events it has been quite a close run thing between Cheshire and Yorkshire. However, not wanting to sound too boastful, it would be fair to say that Cheshire were trounced this year. In fact we achieved 18 firsts, 9 seconds and 8 third placings, which is the best we have ever done. With the publication of the national result, Yorkshire is back on form with a clear outright win by a considerable margin over last year's winners Warwickshire.

Well done everyone and hope to see you next year. Splendid stuff!

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