



### **Streets Ruby strikes Gold**

Street & District Swimming Club co-hosted the recent TYR super series meet with Millfield, a level 1 event that had competitors from the highest level, including Olympic silver medallist Siobhan-Marie O'Connor who won several events at the meet. Streets' own champions took to the pool and swam superbly with several Club records tumbling.

Opening the weekend was the long-distance races, with Harvey Pike battling to a fine silver and huge PB in the 800m. Next up Charlie Cook smashed his PB and the Club record for 15 year olds, dipping under 18 minutes for the first time to take silver in the 1500m. Club mate Sean Robinson then followed this with a big PB in the 16 y/o group to match Cook's achievements, and give Street a silver streak start.

Day 2 started with the 200m medley, Ruby Varney picked up another silver and there were PBs for Tegan Lawton, Annabel Drudge and Georgia Hill. In the 100m butterfly Seth Allom also PB'd and the 200m backstroke saw Jasmine Moore win bronze and Lois Engelbrecht swim a PB.

Fin Hunter-Clarke took a PB in the 100m backstroke, as did Sam Bonds who was just outside the medals. The PBs continued with Jessica Edwards (100m freestyle), and Fin, Will Bale, Albert Tidball-Zapp and Sam (all 50m backstroke). Tegan just missed a medal in the 50m butterfly, as did Annabel whose PB agonisingly put her 4<sup>th</sup>, just off the podium whilst Kayla Pike, Yasmin Mahey, Georgia and Joanne Black all gained PBs.

Harvey picked up another PB and silver in the 200m freestyle, whilst Dexter Townsend swam to a PB and top ten place, and Seth also PB'd. The 200m breaststroke saw PBs for Isabel Waller, Annabel and a sensational PB and Gold medal for Ruby. The boys 100m breaststroke saw PBs for Fin, Ethan Difford and Charlie Hill. The boys then finished the day in style with 50m freestyle PBs for Harvey (bronze medal), Kaleb Allom, Fin, Will, Ethan, Albert and Robert White. In the final event of the day, girls 50m breaststroke, there were PBs for Isabel, Eve Chagger-Goode, Annabel, Alice Pittey, Cora Lanham who took a Club record and 4<sup>th</sup> spot whilst Yasmin won a fine bronze in a new PB.

The final day started with the gruelling 400m medley, and Ruby swam a pb and took a super silver, with big sister Erica also putting in a fine swim to get a top 6 finish. The 200m medley for boys saw Seth get another PB, and in the 100m butterfly Tegan, Zoe Cooper and Jasmine all set new bests.

Bronze and a PB went to Fin in the 200m backstroke, and the 100m backstroke saw Lois and Tegan set PBs. The 100m freestyle saw Seth get another PB, and team mates James White, Charlie C and Sam all followed suit. In the 50m backstroke Lois smashed her PB to get a super silver, with Tegan, Isabel and Zoe also getting PBs. Young Kaleb Allom set a PB in the 50m butterfly, followed by Fin, Stanley Rood, Seth, James, Albert and Sam repeating this feat. Charlie Cook continued his fine weekend with a PB in the 400m freestyle, only for Lois to continue her impressive form by taking a PB in the 200m freestyle, as did team mate Annabel who swam yet another PB.

Harvey got another brilliant bronze medal in the 200m breaststroke, with another PB, and there were PBs for Fin and Charlie H. In the 100m breaststroke Ruby took another PB and another impressive gold medal, with Annabel in silver (PB), and there was a flurry of PBs for Isabel, Cora, Alice, Yasmin and Katie Waters.

Lois finished off her weekend in style, a 50m freestyle PB to be exact, and Isabel, Zoe, Ruby, Annabel, Erica, Joanna and Georgia all following suit. The final event of the weekend saw the final Street medal go to Harvey, bronze and PB in the 50m breaststroke and Fin and Charlie H also set new bests to round off a superb weekend.

A spokesperson for the Club said, "This was a really high-level meet, we had Olympians and world class swimmers in attendance. It was a great performance from the Street swimmers to mix it in this company and to see so many club records, PBs and indeed a fair few medals is testament to the hard work and talent of these swimmers. We would like to thank our co-hosts Millfield, and all the volunteers and committee members who supported the meet over the weekend, it wouldn't be possible to host these events without them."

Outside of the meet, young Vienna Townsend, a Street & District swimmer, swam and ran her way to a superb gold medal in the South West Regional Biathlon, at Bath University, making a family double with her brother Dexter. Both now qualify automatically for the British Championships later this year. The Street & District SC is holding its AGM on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, and are always looking for new committee members, so if you are interested please check out the website for details and come along.

*Picture: Golden girl Ruby, winner of several medals at the Street & Millfield Open Meet*