

Junior Team report – 2023

A very successful year for WCOG junior teams.

British Relays

At the end of March, a small number of club members journeyed all the way down to Hambleton to compete in the British Relay Championships. The Dream team of Daisy, Issy and Emma came first in the W18 class and the Wildcats team of Dan, Isaac and Ruben also came in first, in the M18 category.



JK Relays

This year the JK was held in the South Lakes with the relays taking place in Dale Park. It being home territory we were able to field 3 teams in junior classes and 8 juniors running in adult classes.

The Dream team (Daisy, Issy, Emma) took first place in the Women's Short class. Dan and Ruben teamed up with Wilf this time to take the win in the Men's Short class; and Isaac, George and Toby came second in the Intermediate Men (48-) class. Sophie, Eva and Myrtle came 7th in the Intermediate Women (48-) class; and Lily and Bea took part in the Junior relay with Lily running 1st and 3rd leg.



Yvette Baker Trophy

In April we travelled to Philips Park in Prestwich where, with a much-reduced team due to a clash with a selection race in Scotland, we had a narrow victory (1 pt) over MDOC to come first in the YBT heat.

Then in July with a full team we competed in the final at Sandall Beat Wood, Doncaster where everyone had great runs to bring the team home in 3rd place.



Peter Palmer relay

At the start of September two teams travelled down to Buckingham to run in the Peter Palmer relay at National Trust Stowe. Early Sunday morning we rose at 4am and cheered off the first leg runners who set off at 5am. The first couple of legs were close but by leg 3 the Wildcats team had taken the lead, which they maintained for the rest of the race coming in first by over 7 minutes. The Whippets team also had some great runs.



Retiring junior members this year are Issy, Wilf, Emma.

As always, a big thank you and well done to all the juniors for the hard work they've put in this year, and to all the parents who have helped with transport and organisation.

Janette.

Junior Team Captain.

(All photographs courtesy of the newsletter)