

Junior Team Report 2025

Yvette Baker Trophy Junior team competition - heat

WCOC hosted the regional qualifier for the YBT at the Rannerdale Galoppen in March. Unfortunately (or fortunately for us depending on how you look at it) we were the only club to enter and therefore won our heat. In part the reason for the lack of entry was probably because the final was way down South in West Sussex and, more generally, because of a dwindling number of juniors in the local clubs. Due to clashes with the Saunders and other events we couldn't get a team together to go the final.

JK relay

The JK this year was held in the Sheffield area of Yorkshire in April with the relay taking place in Middleton Park near Leeds. For the first time in my memory we had no teams in the junior classes this year. Instead, 6 juniors ran in senior classes, securing a win for Oliver, Isaac, Toby and in the Men's short and top 10 place for Sophie, Eva and Hannah in the Women's short.



Scottish relay

George ran in this relay competition which was held near Carnoustie in May. Running with Jamie and Daisy, their team, the WCOC Six-Legged Groove Machine, came 5th in the 11+ points class.

British Long relay

We had two junior teams in this event which was local-ish, being held at Bigland in the South Lakes in May. Sophie, Eva and Hannah were on the podium with a 2nd place in the W18 class. Isaac, George and Toby had a good run in the M18 class and were on course also for 2nd place but due to an unfortunate mis-punch it wasn't to be.



British Sprint relay

Another event that took place far away! Several club members travelled to East Anglia to compete in the Mixed Sprint relays at RAF Honington in August. George ran with Emma, Jamie and Daisy to come 2nd in the elite class – an excellent result!



Peter Palmer relay

No club came forward to host this year's event, which was a huge shame.

Retiring juniors this year are Isaac Hunter, Myrtle Ashworth, Eva Humphreys and Ruth Walker.

Thank you to all the juniors who took part in team events this year.

Janette.

Junior Captain

All photos courtesy of the newsletter.