

# Wakefield Able2 News



incorporating Able2 Pontefract Special Olympics

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## OLIVER AND STEVE AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday 1st May, Oliver and Steve P competed at the 2011 New Age Kurling World (Pairs) Championships. The Kurling Championships were held over two days at Kingsway Leisure Centre, Widnes. The Championships were hosted by the Great Britain Kurling Association (GBKA), the UK's National Governing Body for kurling where disabled and able-bodied athletes competed on equal terms.



Oliver and his father, Steve, first played in round-robin groups and were lucky enough to progress on to compete in the knockout stages. They narrowly missed reaching the final 16 by a nail-biting tiebreak. Oliver also helped with scoring and assisting the Umpires during play. This will enable Oliver to complete his final grading in the FDSO's Kurling Awards Scheme.

## ABLE2 BOCCIA PLAYERS AID YORKSHIRE SQUAD TO NATIONAL VICTORY

Wakefield Able2 boccia players have played a part in guiding Yorkshire to glory in the Disability Sport Events (DSE) National Boccia Championships. The competition, held on 26-27 March at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield, proved hard-fought as players faced each other in heats in a bid to qualify for the finals. But the Yorkshire team rose to the challenge with over half of the original squad reaching the semi-final stages.



Able2 celebrated two individual classification winners as Oliver Peace (Learning Disability 17-26 years) and Ryan Sweeney (Physical Disability 10-16 years) topped the lists. Able2's Liam Graham played his way into the semi-finals. Richard Brook, Jessica Thomas, Natalie Sweeney and Adam Rogerson also from Wakefield Able2, represented Yorkshire. The competition ended with Yorkshire crowned as overall team Champions, finishing five points ahead of Scotland, their nearest rivals.



## Special Olympics Able2 Pontefract

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS SWIMMING

Seven swimmers from Able2 Pontefract Special Olympics took part in the City Of Hull Swimming Gala at Beverley Leisure Centre on 5th March. Other teams attended from throughout the Yorkshire and Humberside region as well as a team from the Netherlands.



Jessica competed in her first swimming gala and earned a bronze medal. James T, also taking part for the first time, smashed 20 seconds off his personal best in the 25m freestyle - fantastic! Our 5 other team members all achieved personal bests in one or both of their races.



Jessica receives her medal

Sophie	25m freestyle	36.41s	5th
	50m backstroke	1m 28.46	3rd
Sarah S	25m freestyle	24.66s	2nd
	50m freestyle	55.87s	PB
Jessica	25m floatation	2m 06.12	3rd
James T	25m freestyle	39.97s	PB
Jason	25m freestyle	21.82s	5th
	50m freestyle	52.81s	5th
Thomas	25m freestyle	38.30s	6th
	25m breaststroke	36.00s	PB
Oliver	25m breaststroke	22.60s	1st
	50m breaststroke	51.91s	1st
Relays	4x 25m freestyle	3m 11.51	6th
	4x 25m medley	2m 07.10	2nd

Four members of Able2 Pontefract Special Olympics Swimming Squad competed in the Sheffield Otters' Swimming Gala at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre on Sunday 22nd May. Congratulations to all our team members, who swam against some very tough competitors.



Sarah S

50m freestyle	56.61s	second
25m freestyle	25.61s	fourth
25m breaststroke	31.69s	second



Thomas

50m freestyle	1m 22.98	new PB
25m freestyle	34.27s	second



Jason

50m backstroke	59.85s	first
50m freestyle	53.37s	second
25m freestyle	24.36s	fourth



Oliver

50m breaststroke	48.47s	new PB
50m freestyle	49.13s	first
25m breaststroke	21.97s	second
4x25m relay	1m 53.04	third



## Special Olympics Able2 Pontefract

### NEW AGE KURLING

Fourteen athletes from Able2 Pontefract Special Olympics competed in the Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Kurling on Saturday, 12th February 2011. Our group hosted this event for the second year and over sixty-five athletes participated. The event was kindly supported by the Lions and Lionesses, Domino's Pizza and ASDA Distribution.



Able2 Pontefract athletes took part in both individual and pairs kurling events.

Individual **GOLD** medal winners:

Jason, James P, Sarah E and Oliver

Individual **SILVER** medal winners:

James T, Charlie, Sophie and Richard

Individual **BRONZE** medal winners:

Ashleigh, Jordan, Thomas, Beth, Jessica and Sarah S



*Thomas and James P*

Pairs **GOLD** medal winners:

Sarah S & Richard, James P & Joanne, Jordan & Alex, Sophie & Elizabeth and Oliver & Steve

Pairs **SILVER** medal winners:

Charlie & Andy, Thomas & Terry, Ashleigh & Mandy and Sarah E & Margaret

Pairs **BRONZE** medal winners:

Beth & Amanda, Jason & James M, James T & Geoff and Jessica & Hanna

## YORKS & HUMBERSIDE BOCCIA

On 2nd April, Able2 Pontefract fielded 3 teams at the Special Olympics Regional Boccia Championships at the Richard Dunn Leisure Centre, Bradford.



*Pontefract SO Boccia Squad 2011*

Teams from around the region competed in mini-leagues during morning play. After lunch, teams were re-grouped in divisions according to morning results and began their battle for the medals.



Captained by Jason, Able2 'A' were silver medallists in Division 4. This was a fantastic result as it was the first competitive boccia event for James T and Thomas.



Sarah S and Jessica, Able2 'C' also played brilliantly and took bronze in Division 2. Sophie and Oliver, Able2 'B' won all their mini-league matches to earn a place in Division 1, where they finished 4th.



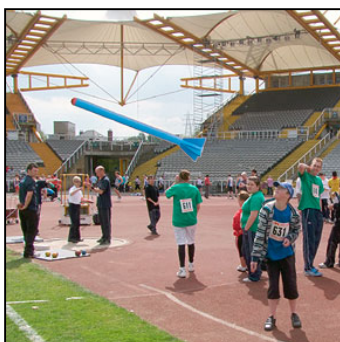
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### ATHLETICS

This year, eight athletes represented Able2 Pontefract at the Festival of Athletics at the Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield on Sunday 17th April.



Beth, Sarah S, Ashleigh and Jessica excelled in their throwing events. The boys, James T, Thomas, Jordan and Oliver, had great success in the track events, finishing either first or second in their races. Our athletes had a great time and many returned home with new personal bests.



Around 1000 competitors took part in this unique sporting event - the only open track and field event in the country which featured mainstream track and field events, a full programme of race walking events, road race and fun run, disability events and a schools challenge.

The Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Athletics Championships took place on 21st May at the Dorothy Hyman Stadium, Cudworth.

Teams from the Yorkshire region attended along with some from further away such as Northumberland, Worcester and Wrexham, Wales.



The Able2 Pontefract team performed brilliantly and had a fantastic day. Our athletes won at least one gold medal each. Beth and Jessica won medals in all three of their events - well done girls!

Many thanks go to our volunteers, Jane and Bernard, who spent the day officiating and organising the events.

Able2 Pontefract Results			
50m run	James T	10.4 seconds	GOLD
	Thomas	11.7 seconds	GOLD
	Jessica	16.4 seconds	SILVER
	Sarah S	11.1 seconds	SILVER
	Beth	17.8 seconds	BRONZE
100m run	Oliver	17.2 seconds	GOLD
Softball throw	Beth	5.16 metres	GOLD
	Jessica	5.01 metres	SILVER
	Thomas	3.36 metres	4 <sup>th</sup> place
	Sarah S	11.14 metres	4 <sup>th</sup> place
	Oliver	18.43 metres	new PB
Standing long jump	Oliver	1.78 metres	GOLD
	Thomas	0.75 metres	5 <sup>th</sup> place
	James T	1.30 metres	5 <sup>th</sup> place
Soft javelin	Jessica	4.75 metres	GOLD
	Sarah S	8.95 metres	GOLD
	James T	8.61 metres	SILVER
	Beth	4.38 metres	SILVER

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## WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS' SPORTS FEDERATION AWARDS 2010/11

Members of Able2 received their awards badges for representing Wakefield and Yorkshire in regional and national events during the 2010/11 season. The presentations took place at St. Wilfrid's High School on 4th May.

### Athletics

Zara Farrar  
Natalie Sweeney  
Jamie Shaw  
Michael Holroyd  
Sam Hudson  
Jessica Thomas  
Asad Chishti  
Bobby Manderson  
Craig Alderson  
James Tulley  
Thomas Raddings  
Beth Courtman

### Boccia

Craig Alderson  
James Tulley  
Thomas Raddings  
Jason Hague  
Jessica Thomas

### Swimming

James Tulley  
Thomas Raddings  
Jessica Thomas

### Kurling

James Tulley  
Thomas Raddings  
Beth Courtman  
Jessica Thomas  
James Pritchard  
Charlie Clark

### Table Tennis

Jessica Thomas  
James Pritchard

### Football

Lee Fryer

### Basketball

Lee Fryer  
Chris Chapman



*Kurling award winners*



*Oliver - Special Award*



*Jessica - Outstanding Achievement*

*Members of Able2 collecting their awards from Neil Fox MBE, Great Britain and Wakefield Trinity Rugby League legend*

Five Able2 members were presented with Special Awards for Outstanding Achievement:

**Thomas Raddings** - Represented Wakefield in four sports

**Jessica Thomas** - Represented Wakefield in five sports

**James Tulley** - Represented Wakefield in four sports

**Oliver Peace** - DSE National Boccia Champion 2011 (17-26 years)

**Ryan Sweeney** - DSE National Boccia Champion 2011 (10-16 years)



*Tom and Josh  
U17s Soccer*

Able2 also won three team award trophies for being winners or finalists in national events during the year.

Our winning teams are:

**CP Soccer Under 17s Team** - Champions of National CP Soccer League 2010

**CP Soccer Under 13s Team** - Champions of National CP Soccer League 2010

**Wakefield Boccia Team** - Winners of National Rotary Sports Team Championships 2010

## EQUESTRIAN

Thomas Raddings and Oliver Peace have both been busy competing in equestrian events this Spring. Thomas belongs to the Ackworth RDA Group and Oliver is a member of the Wakefield Group.



Oliver took part in a Handy Pony competition during the Easter holiday. He has recently started riding a new horse and this was a chance for Oliver to take part in a fun event. He had to navigate around an obstacle course, collecting and delivering objects to different areas. Oliver finished in 3rd place overall.



Thomas competed in his first competition for Ackworth RDA on Toby at Middleton Park Equestrian Centre, Leeds on 29th. He completed the RDA Countryside Challenge and came 6th in his class with 159 points.



*Thomas and Toby*

Oliver recently competed in the Championship Dressage Qualifiers at the NES Yorkshire RDA Regional event on Saturday 21st May. The competition was held at Wakefield RDA at Pennine Community.



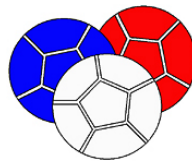
Oliver took part in the walk/trot test in Class 14. He rode a horse called Amber from Wakefield RDA. This was Oliver's first time competing in Dressage on Amber but he rode extremely well and won the Class. Oliver qualified to represent the Yorkshire Region in the RDA National Championships in Hartpury, Gloucestershire during July. He will take part in the Class 5 Dressage Championships and the Freestyle Dressage event - good luck Oliver.

## ABLE2 BOCCIA LEAGUE

Both Blue and Green Groups of the 2011 Able2 Spring Boccia League had very close finishes. 88 matches were played in total and 6 players from the Blues and 4 from the Greens completed the minimum of 5 matches (with 8 players competing 7 matches) and could be included in the Final Results as follows:

Blue Group			Green Group		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Oliver Peace	(19 points pts diff +43)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Natalie Sweeney	(17 points)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Sweeney	(19 points pts diff +41)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liam Graham	(15 points pts diff +1)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sarah Shutt	(17 points)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jessica Thomas	(15 points pts diff -8)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gavin Shaw	(13 points)	4 <sup>th</sup>	Gareth Bould	(13 points)
5 <sup>th</sup> =	Richard Brook	(11 points pts diff -11)			
5 <sup>th</sup> =	Holly Walker	(11 points pts diff -11)			

Congratulations to all these players. The standard of play continues to improve, as does our knowledge of the rules of the game. Most of our players are now also confident Wednesday evening referees.



Can I single out one player in particular who has made such a lot of progress over the last six to twelve months? Natalie Sweeney has not only become Champion of the Greens during our Spring League but has also performed at a high standard in the Lord's Taverners U-19's, both Regional and National Finals, in the DSE Nationals in Sheffield and in the Boccia England National League - well done Natalie!

- Steve G

### WHEELCHAIR RACING

Members of the Able2 Athletics Club have recently started to take part in a series of Wheelchair Racing Clinics at the John Charles Centre for Sport (formerly South Leeds Stadium.) Here, Bobby, Luke and Aaron take a break whilst Ryan gives it the big 'thumbs up'.



### WHEELCHAIR RUGBY LEAGUE

The Wakefield Whirlwinds Wheelchair Rugby League Football Club (Whirlwinds WRLFC) competed at the 3-Club Fixture in the 2010 Merit League.



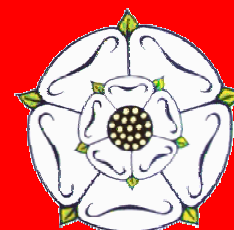
At the end-of season Tournament in St. Helens in September, the team managed 5th place (out of 6) after being comprehensively beaten by Wolverhampton Rhinos and Wigan Warriors. The Whirlwinds went on to win the 5th/6th place match, beating Bradford Bulls 26-10.

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