

## **Tough Going for Sandbach at Trafford**

Sandbach Sharks found the going tough at the first of this years Peak Plain Galas. The event held at Trafford was the first in a series of four to be held over the coming months. In order to even things up over the series there are “cut off” times for each event and as such swimmers who better those times are awarded a points bonus for that gala but then banned from swimming it again in the series. Sandbach recorded third place behind Macclesfield Satellites and the hosts Trafford, but were comfortably ahead of fourth placed Buxton. The team found first places hard to come by and for the girls only Sarah Mullings in the open age Freestyle and Shannon Friel in the 10yrs Butterfly recorded individual wins. To make matters more difficult for the next event Shannon bettered the cut off time and will therefore not be able to swim the butterfly again in this years series.

For the boys Mathew Joines posted two wins in the 13yrs Backstroke and Freestyle and Jake Davies in the process of “swimming out” came home in first place in the 11yrs Freestyle.

There were also notable swims from Hannah Mullings and George Jones both in the 13yrs Breaststroke who despite bettering the cut off time in their events were pushed into second place.

On the relay front there were two first places, for the girls in the open age Freestyle Leanne Mather, Elanor White, Helen Briggs and Sarah Mullings came home first. Whilst for the boys it was Mathew Joines, James Bottomley Jake Davies and George Jones who won in the 13yrs Freestyle relay.

Any one who wants details on swimming with Sandbach Sharks can visit their new web site at [www.sandbachsharks.co.uk](http://www.sandbachsharks.co.uk)