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# Barracudas are in top form

## Swimming

BLYTHE Barracudas performed excellently at the annual Warwickshire County Championships and recorded a host of personal best times along the way.

The event took place over three Saturdays throughout March at Coventry Pool, which is 50m in length.

Barracudas had 22 swimmers taking part in an event which provides them with great experience of swimming in an Olympic sized pool.

Sophie Thompson, 15, achieved five personal best times, with two for freestyle over 50 and 100m and the others respectively for her backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly swims. Kitty Busz, 15, recorded faster times for her 50 and 100m backstroke swims and her 50m freestyle race.

Twelve-year-old Matt Austin bettered his times on his 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke as well as his breaststroke swims over 50 and 100m.

There were two personal best times for Ben Hurdman on freestyle and backstroke, Maria Thompson on butterfly and breaststroke and Amy

Lewis on freestyle and backstroke. Ben Austin and Sam Harris swimming backstroke, Calum Davies and Rachel Davis swimming freestyle and Oli Steel competing in the breaststroke all improved on their previous times too.

A special mention goes to James Lee, 10, who competed in four events over the three weeks of the championships. He achieved personal best times for his breaststroke and front crawl swims and came fourth in the 50m backstroke event for the 9/10 years age group. However, he excelled in the 50m butterfly for 9/10 year olds achieving third place.

Blythe Barracudas is a small but very enthusiastic and friendly swimming club which always welcomes new members.

If you are interested in joining them visit their website at [www.blythebarracudas.com](http://www.blythebarracudas.com) to find out more about the club.



James Lee, 10, proudly displays the bronze medal he won for his butterfly swim at Warwickshire County Championships. (s)