

Barracudas impress in higher age groups

BLYTHE Barracudas put in a good performance against strong opposition at The Profab Shield Gala held at Wombourne Leisure Centre on Saturday.

Depleted numbers in the boys and girls team meant that many Barracudas swimmers had to move up an age range in the competition and there were brave efforts put in by Ben Austin, Matthew Austin, Kelly Hurdman, James Lee, and Oliver Mason.

The boys 11 and under medley relay team of Peter Stansfield, Ben Austin, James Lee and Jack Francis picked up an excellent second place. There were also second places for Jack Francis, 11, 50m Freestyle, James Lee, 10, 50m Butterfly and Peter Stansfield, 11, 50m Backstroke.

Maria Thompson, 11, won her breaststroke event and grabbed second in the 11-year-old girls butterfly. Helen Mockler, 12, also recorded a first place for

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the 12-year-old breaststroke in a new personal best time. Gutsy performances by Rachel Davis and Amy Lewis also earned valuable points for the team.

Special mention goes to older swimmers, Katherine Davies, Elinor Penny, Oliver Steel and Ruby Turrieff who all put in excellent efforts in achieving new personal best times, the club recorded 11 overall on the night.

Barracudas finished fourth overall following a great team performance.

Blythe Barracudas are always on the lookout for new members ranging from seven through to adults. If you are interested in finding out more about a local competitive Swimming club with a welcoming atmosphere contact the club via its new website at www.blythebarracudas.com.

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