

Success at gala

Swimming

BLYTHE Barracudas Swimming Club travelled to Bromsgrove at the weekend to take part in the Golden Jubilee Trophy Gala hosted by Oldbury Swimming Club.

The extremely strong girls team excelled scoring maximum points for their relay swims in all age groups.

There were individual first places for the eleven years team of Elinor Penny, Katie Berwick, Maria Thompson and Ellie Pullen, with 13-year-old Anya Pullen and 15-year-old Sarah Hancox winning their backstroke and front crawl races respectively.

Lucy Rigg came first in the Open Breaststroke event while Caitlin Gordon and Kitty Busz each won two individual swims for the thirteen and fifteen years age groups.

Brothers Andrew and David Hirst won their Open backstroke and front crawl events while Michael Penny triumphed in both the backstroke and the freestyle for the 13 year old boys.

There were 13 personal best times recorded for individual swims with the team scoring maximum points in twenty-four out of the fifty races. Oldbury Swimming Club won the gala by a narrow margin with Blythe Barracudas in an excellent second place, only five points behind the victors.

Blythe Barracudas welcome new members and run well-established teaching groups with emphasis on good technique alongside their coaching squads.

If you are interested in competitive swimming and aged six years upwards or would like to find out more about this very friendly and fast growing club please contact Laura Farquhar on 01564 770197 or visit www.blythebarracudasswimmingclub.com.

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