

Barracudas book place in the final

Swimming

BLYTHE Barracudas produced some of their best swims of the season on Saturday to night to clinch a place in the regional finals of the Nuneaton Junior League.

The event at Rugby saw personal bests for Sophie Gifford, Charlotte Davies, Ellie Berwick, Helen Mockler and Matthew Austin for breaststroke events.

Helen and Matthew also achieved improved times for their freestyle and backstroke races respectively, as did nine-year-olds Ben Hurdman and Hannah Rogers.

Mollie Lewis, ten, bettered her butterfly time while William Kitching set a new best time for his freestyle event.

The team recorded thirteen

second places, and six first places with James Lee achieving two of the victories. He won his backstroke event by an impressive six second margin and also came first in his butterfly race.

There were wins for the eleven-year-old boys with Oliver Mason coming first in his butterfly event, four seconds ahead of the second placed swimmer and Peter Stansfield winning his backstroke race.

Oliver and Peter were joined by James Lee and Ben Austin for a victory in the medley race with another convincing four second lead over all opposition.

Blythe Barracudas were in third place throughout the gala

behind the well established and strong teams Market Harborough and Rugby.

Final placing saw them retaining that slot, a convincing 89 points ahead of the fourth placed club, and thus booking their passage to the regional finals for Division Three. The delighted swimmers are looking forward to representing Blythe Barracudas at Wolverhampton in September, when they will be one of the six clubs competing, a major achievement in their first year in the league.

If you are interested in joining a very small, very friendly club swimming club committed to improvement and enjoyment of their sport, contact membership secretary Laura Farquhar on 01564 770197.