

Barracudas impress once again

BLYTHE Barracudas followed up their victory in the opening round of the Nuneaton Junior League with a second-placed finish at the second meeting in Cheslyn Hay.

The team found itself competing against well-established clubs and much stronger opposition but, as always, delivered on the night.

A consistent run of second and third-placed swims from the start put Barracudas in second position overall early in the gala and they built on that throughout the evening.

James Lee, ten, won both his butterfly and backstroke individuals and was joined by Ben Austin, Calum Davies and Ben Hurdman, nine, for victory in the ten years medley relay event.

Maria Thompson, 11, won both her backstroke and freestyle

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events and achieved personal best times for the second gala running while Helen Mockler, 12, won her breaststroke individual.

There was a convincing win for the girls mixed age relay event with Sophie Gifford, Hannah Rogers, Mollie Lewis, Amy Lewis, Kelly Hurdman, Maria Thompson, Katie Berwick and Helen Mockler ably demonstrating the strength of the team throughout all age groups.

Ben Hurdman, Ben Austin and Oliver Mason all bettered their freestyle times in the nine, ten and eleven year's age groups respectively. Sophie Gifford, nine, Charlotte Davies, ten, and Ellie Berwick, 11, matched their

achievement with personal best times for their breaststroke swims while Hannah Rogers, nine, improved her freestyle time.

The gala ended with Blythe Barracudas in a very well deserved second place with a convincing lead over the third placed club.

In all the team achieved seven first places and eighteen second places while nine personal best times were recorded.

Blythe Barracudas is a small but very enthusiastic and friendly swimming club which is always on the lookout for new members.

If you are interested in joining them look at their website at www.blythebarracudasswimmingclub.com or contact membership secretary Laura Farquhar on 01564 770197 for further information.