

Barracudas are back in action

BLYTHE Barracudas made a spirited return to competition on Saturday at the Braunstone Jubilee Trophy Gala in Leicester.

It was the first time Barracudas had competed in a modern eight lane pool but despite being up against strong opposition, the team showed great commitment finishing in sixth place overall.

There were debut swims for Lauren Saunders, Niamh Carabine, Luke Saunders and Duncan McNutt and great credit must be given to many of the team who entered events for much older swimmers, in particular eight-year-old Oliver Francis who raced in the u13 breaststroke.

Highlights of the evening were James Lee's first place in the u11 butterfly and third in the backstroke.

Ben Austin also did well, achieving second places in both the u11 breaststroke and freestyle races.

Many of the boys achieved personal best times at the gala including Andrew Farquhar in the open freestyle, Peter Farquhar in the u15 butterfly, Michael

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Penny in the u15 freestyle, Matthew Austin in the u13 breaststroke, Jack Francis in the u13 freestyle, Ben Austin in the u11 breaststroke and James Lee in both the u11 backstroke and butterfly.

There were also some fine performances from the girls with personal best times for Sophie Gifford in the u11 freestyle, Kelly Hurdman u13 backstroke and Katie-Louise Berwick who improved her personal best time by a massive eight seconds in the u15 100m freestyle event.

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 visit their website at www.blythebarracudas.com or contact membership secretary Laura Farquhar on 01564 770197 for further information.