

## **Stowmarket at the East Suffolk Novice Series Gala (9 May 2009)**

The 22 strong team and their parents travelled to Leiston to compete in the East Suffolk Novice Series gala on Saturday evening. For most of the team this was their very first experience of a club gala and together they surpassed all their expectations by coming first with 85 points with Leiston 2<sup>nd</sup> and Deben 3<sup>rd</sup>. Team Manager Sylvia Harrison said, “ there were a lot of super swims and what a great time we all had”. The team amassed 35 personal best times (pb), gained 16 first places and achieved 13 qualifying times for the Suffolk Development Championships (CQT) to be held in June at Crown Pools Ipswich. Nine year old Oliver Pyle got the teams first 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 25m freestyle in 22.57 (pb) and repeated the feat in the 25m butterfly in another (pb) of 26.94. Eleven-year-old Florence Lampard also got a double 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 50m backstroke in 46.00 (pb) (CQT) and 50m breaststroke in 49.46 (pb). Eleven-year-old Hefina Everard did the same in the 50m butterfly winning in 49.95 (pb) (CQT) and 50m freestyle 40.64 (pb) (CQT). Other first places were achieved by Aiden Coe (10) 50m breaststroke 1.01.23 (pb) (CQT), Eilisch Hopkins (12) 50m butterfly 40.28 (pb) (CQT), Thomas Jordan-Pearce (9) 25m breaststroke 27.16 (pb), Roma Radziunaite (10) 25m breaststroke 50.78 (pb) (CQT), Mikey Fisher (12) 50m breaststroke 48.41 (pb) (CQT), Hannah Champion (9) 25m butterfly 24.24 (pb), Charlotte Champion (11) 50m breaststroke 52.06 (pb), Ollie Hale (11) 50m breaststroke 56.36 (pb) (CQT) and Robert Lancaster (12) 50m backstroke 44.63 (pb). Nine-year-old Sam Knott summed up the evening, “ I have had so much fun”. Stowmarket SC host the next gala in the series at the Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre on the on 6<sup>th</sup> June.



**Stowmarket Team**