

Stowmarket at the 2010 County Championships (1st weekend 6th/7th)

Stowmarket Swimming Club has made a brilliant start to this year's County Championship campaign. The 140 individual swims produced 75 personal best times (pb) and 32 final places producing 3 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 5 bronze medals. Two further silver medals were won in the heat declared events and the team achieved 10 qualifying times for the East Region Championships (EQT). Coach Sylvia Harrison said, "We've made a great start with loads of finalists".

Eleven-year-old Calvin Coe picked up the club's first gold medal of the weekend by winning the 50m breaststroke in a personal best time of 41.08, Ellena Skoulding (11) won gold in the 50m backstroke and 16 year old Will Blackaby won the 50 butterfly in a pb of 26.53 (EQT). Calvin added the 50m-butterfly silver to his tally coming in another personal best time of 34.26. Ellena added two further medals, a silver in the 100m backstroke in 1.17.58 and a bronze in the 50m freestyle in 31.86 (pb) with a fabulous swim after qualifying for the final in 8th place. Will also won silver in the heat declared 200m backstroke taking 2 seconds off his personal best to finish in 2.10.75 (EQT).



Alison Vinter Suffolk ASA president and a very happy Calvin and Ellena

David Harrison won a total of four medals in the 17 and over events, silvers in the 50m breaststroke (30.12)(EQT), 50m butterfly (26.81)(EQT) and 200m freestyle (1.59.63)(EQT) and a bronze in the 100m freestyle (53.62)(EQT). 12 year old Robert Lancaster in his first ever county championships produced two fantastic swims to pick up silver medals in the finals of the 50m breaststroke (37.69) and 100m breaststroke (1.23.46) (pb). Bronze medals were picked by 14 year Ryan Clay in his first ever 50m breaststroke final coming in 35.81 (pb), 10 year old Chloe Long, also competing in her first final, in the 50m backstroke in 39.73 (pb) and 12 year old Tom Borrett in the 50m butterfly in 34.84 (pb).

There was further personal success in the team. 9 year old Oliver Pyle in his first ever event in the county championships reached the 50m breaststroke final finishing

5th in 52.72. Other first timers to compete were 9 year old Nadia Mason who gained a 2 second personal best in the 50m backstroke (46.29), 10 year old Roma Radziunaite also achieving a pb in the 50m backstroke in 43.22, 10 year old Alexander Harrison in the 200m freestyle taking 8 seconds off his pb in 3.03.41, Chloe Allen (10) achieving a time of 38.53 in the 50m freestyle, Anya Kemble (13) who achieved a massive 26 second pb in the 400m individual medley in 6.08.63 and Mikey Fisher (13) achieving 7th place in his first final in the 50 butterfly in 33.15 (pb). Other team members to reach finals included Ruairidh Penman, Jamie Crosthwaite, Robert Borrett, Toby Upson and Joseph Freezer, Qualifying times for the regional championships were achieved by Ella Delves (15) in the 200m breaststroke and 400m individual medley, Iona Richards (17) in the 50m freestyle and Joseph Freezer in the 50m butterfly.

The Stowmarket swimmers are looking forward to next weekend's competition hoping for further success. www.stowmarketswimmingclub.org.uk



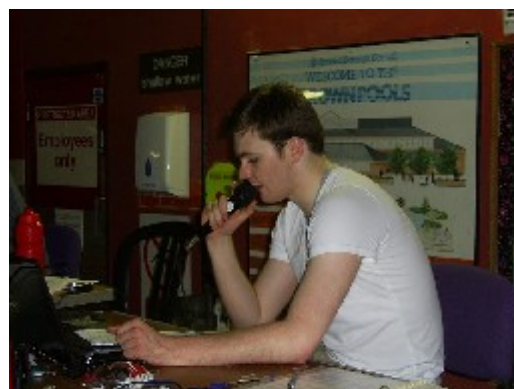
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The team!



David and Alison



Ed talking as usual!

And some more medallist – haven't we done well!



Chloe



Ryan



Robert



Tom

Good luck every one for next weekend