

## More medals for Evesham at the Counties

Evesham swimming Club are celebrating again after more success at the last weekend of the County Swimming Championships with more medals won and personal best times achieved. Seven swimmers made the finals on the Saturday (Charlie Waites, Harry Bamforth, Amy Cooper, Chloe Mabbett, Alice Hall, Cara Lee & Caitlin Donnahey) and 5 on the Sunday (Charlie Waites, Harry Bamforth, Chloe Mabbett, Alice Hall & Cara Lee).

Amy Cooper(9) did well to make the 50m Freestyle final with a time of 38 secs, a 2second PB. She also achieved an 8 second PB for her 200m Backstroke (3.20.98). Molly Hardwick(12) earned more PBs for her swims in the 50m Freestyle (32.49) and 200m Backstroke (2.51.15), a 7 second improvement on her previous best time. Alice Hall(12) also made big improvements in all her times: 50 Freestyle(31.57), 200IM (2.54.68), 200Backstroke (2.53.41), 100m Freestyle (1.09.97) and made the finals in the 100m Breaststroke with a time of 1.29.24 & the 50m Breaststroke (40.64). In the final of the 100 Breaststroke Alice further improved her time to get 5<sup>th</sup> place (1.28.86).

Chloe Mabbett(12) won a Bronze medal for her performance in the 50m Breaststroke final with a time of 39.68secs. She also made the finals in the 100 Breaststroke & 50m Freestyle events. She also achieved massive PBs in her other events:50 freestyle(30.61), 200IM (2.49.68), 100Breaststroke (1.29.29), 100m Freestyle (1.07.68)& 200m Backstroke(2.42.97).

Cara Lee(14) had an exciting finish to the County Championships when she was involved in a swim off to gain a place in the 50m Breaststroke final. She and another girl had both swum a time of 41.12in the heats. Cara was determined to earn a place in the final and although they were side by side at the turn she pushed forward to win in a time of 39.78secs, a personal best time. She also reached the finals for the 50m & 100m Freestyle events.

Yasmin Boff(11) made big improvements in her times: 50m Freestyle(32.47), 200IM(2.55.72), 100m Freestyle(1.12.14), and 200m Backstroke(2.50.50), a 7

second PB. Chloe Golding(12) achieved PBs for her 50m Freestyle(31.62) and 100m Freestyle(1.09.03).

For the boys, Kyle Annis(14) achieved a time of 30.46 in the 50m Freestyle despite an injury. Owen Leeks(11) swam a 9second PB in the 200m Backstroke (2.59.42). Charlie Waites(11) got into the 50m Freestyle final with a time of 32.78 and the 100m Freestyle final achieving a PB of 1.12.36 and 5<sup>th</sup> place. He also swam some fantastic PBs over the weekend: 200m Backstroke in a time of 2.49.94, a 15s PB & the200IM(2.58.63).

Harry Bamforth(10) had another great weekend, earning 3 Gold medals for the 50m & 100m Freestyle and the 200 Backstroke. He now has a hat trick of medals for all the backstroke events. He also achieved all PBs this weekend: 50m Freestyle(32.59), a whole second quicker than the next placed opponent, 100m Freestyle(1.11.96), 400m Freestyle, a time of 5.34.53 giving him 4<sup>th</sup> place, 200 Backstroke (2.55.13) and 200IM in a time of 3.06.21 leaving him just 1 second off the district time. He finishes the County Championships having gained 5 Gold medals and 2 silver medals, a fantastic achievement.

Evesham had 13 swimmers attending the County Championships and the swimmers achieved some fantastic PBs. It is a great achievement for such a small Club and we now have 5 swimmers with Midland District times, another first for the club.