

George Glistens at Crystal



As we quietly waved goodbye to 2014, 2015 hit us with a bang. Kicking off with a hectic weekend of January racing, the younger swimmers targeting the Crystal Open at Stourbridge while the older swimmers travelled to a level 1 meet at Bristol for a weekend of racing.

The oversubscribed Crystal meet saw an unprecedented 50% of Leamington swimmers rejected however those lucky enough to race still set 63 new personal bests.

Ten year old George Hughes topped the medal chart securing new pb's in all his events and earning bronze medals in the 100m IM and the 50m fly before powering his way into first place in the 50m breast recording 44.67 and taking home one of the very sought after prestigious Crystal Goblets. Carrying on the success for the ten year olds, Imogen Hodge secured silver in the 50m back before slicing 6 seconds off her best time in the 50m fly taking bronze. Emma Bowden-Williams took second place in the 50m breast in a time of 46.35 while team mate Maddison Nuttall finishing in bronze place in the 100m Individual Medley.

Recording a flying 1.21.35 in the 13 year old 100m butterfly race earning gold was Ben Court with Lauren Cox taking silver in the 100m Backstroke event for the same age group. Molly Quelch,12 claimed bronze in the 50m breast and young nine year old Joseph Deavall came very close to silver but was just out touched into bronze place in the 50m fly.

Well done to Fiona Hall, 10, slashing a huge eight seconds from her best time in the 100m IM and to nine year old James Selley competing in his first open gala.