

Swimming Club Gala Raises Cash In Memory of Conrad

Leamington Spa Amateur Swimming Club held their annual summer swimming gala in tribute to former club swimmer and British soldier Conrad Lewis who lost his life in Afghanistan in February this year. Conrad was a dedicated team player and former life guard at Newbold Comyn. He is remembered with great fondness by all at LSASC.

Funds were raised through raffle ticket sales and also through the generosity of Warwick District Council in allowing LSASC to hire Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre for free. The cost of the pool hire was also donated to charity. In all a total of £288 was raised for the Afghanistan Trust.

The popular club gala saw over 90 swimmers from ages 7 to 40+ taking part. Notable success went to the younger age groups, many of whom were experiencing their first taste of a competitive swimming event.

Eight year old success went to Sebastian Dibb and Amelia Midtsaeter who won the boys and girls 25 metre freestyle and breaststroke events, respectively. In the nine year old category Callum McWhirter came up trumps in the freestyle, with team mate Morgan Bevan touching first in the 25 metre breast. The nine year old girls saw another double victory for Sophie Woodland.

The ten year old 50 breast, free and 100 Individual medley races were a clean sweep for Mollie Dibb and Aaran Shuttlewood. Moving up into the 11/12 year old category Harry Manship, who has performed consistently this year, won both the 100IM and the 50 freestyle with Felicity Dempster following suit. Manship also took gold in the 50 breast with Georgia Kidd winning for the 11/12 year old girls. Nick Payne and Sophie Vale won the 13/14 years 100IM with Nick also taking gold in the 100 backstroke alongside Jessica Nash for the girls. Peter Clark and Sarah Brades secured victory in the 15/16 years 100IM and 100 back. In the taxing 100 metre fly sprints Hannah Pickett and Riordan Barry won the 13/4years trophies with James Taylor and Sarah Smith winning the 15/16 year old races.

Leamington squad swimmers are preparing themselves for the final of the forthcoming Mercian League on July 9th and the third round of the Junior League on June 25th. They are nearing the end of a busy and highly successful season.



Image above shows nine year old breaststroke competitors Sophie Woodland, Abby Jolley, Becky Burden, Rebecca Morris, Jessie Butler and Thea Carden.



Bottom image shows eight year old boys freestyle winners Sebastian Dibb, Josh Mitchell, Nathan Weaver and Fergus Sleight.