



Puffin Gala – Horsham, March 2013

On Saturday 9th March 2013, 34 Worthing swimmers headed to Pavilions in the Park, Horsham, for East Grinstead's Puffin Gala.

This development gala is an ideal opportunity for our younger swimmers to gain competitive experience and get some times on the board. Horsham is an excellent competitive pool for swimmers to do this, with 8 lanes, an electronic scoreboard and a large spectator area.

Worthing were against some competitive teams with Atlantis, Mid Sussex Marlins, Crawley, Littlehampton, Beacon, Redhill and East Grinstead all in attendance.

Development Galas are aimed at mostly non County swimmers, to allow less experienced swimmers an opportunity to showcase their talents. Our younger County swimmers were in attendance to gain much needed experience swimming in older age groups and relays.

Worthing finished 7th on the evening, winning 2 races, 2nd in 6 races and 3rd in 4 races.

The Boys 8/9 Years Medley Relay team comprising Ethan Burstow, Faris Khallouqi, Thomas Day and Elijah Akehurst won their race, as well as Katie Davison in Girls 8/9 Yrs butterfly.

2nd places were secured by the following swimmers : Richard Rempel in Boys 10 yrs 25m freestyle, Caitlin Silk in Girls 8/9 years 25 metres backstroke and freestyle, Katie O'Hara in Girls 11 yrs 50 Freestyle, Lucas Bubb in Boys 11 yrs 50 metres breaststroke as well as our Girls 10 years medley relay comprising Maisie Perry, Abbie Moon, Katie Davison and Rosie McIlrath.

3rd places went to Ethan Burstow in Boys 8/9 yrs breaststroke and freestyle, Maisie Perry in Girls 10 yrs 25m butterfly and Richard Rempel in Boys 10 yrs 25 metres breaststroke.

Squad in Full:

Caitlin Silk, Caitlin Smith, Amalie Duncan, Katie Davison, Grace Byford, Ethan Burstow, Ben Bolton, Matthew MacDonald, Faris Khallouqi, Thomas Day, Elijah Akehurst, Ana Meecham, Abbie Moon, Rosie McIlrath, Maisie Perry, Zoey Garrard, Saxon Lewis, Richard Rempel, Joshua Coulson, Spencer Owen, Hannah Coppin, Chloe Rempel, Tegan Grimster, Katie O'Hara, Ellie Avient, Lucas Bubb, Alex Meecham, Lauren McIlrath, Amy Hall, Cara Cooper, Amy Blower, Timothy Hartnell, Diego McDonald, Joseph Barrie.

Many thanks to our poolside helpers of Matthew Laker, Sarah Coulson, Fanny Chan, Gemma Coulson, Daisy Hazeldine, our Timekeeper Austin Bubb and Judge Katy Hazeldine.

I look forward to seeing all of the swimmers involved competing at our Age Groups in April / May.

Chris Luesley, Head Coach, Worthing Swimming Club