



Rother League 2 – Cranleigh, May 2013

On Saturday 18th May 2013, 31 Worthing swimmers headed back to Cranleigh for the 2nd round of this Year's Rother League. Worthing are in Division 2 this year and were in 1st place after the 1st round, so were therefore seeded 1st on the evening. However, the 1st gala was very close and another close fought battle was expected.

In the 1st gala, we had a full attendance by swimmers, this was not the case for Gala 2 with a number of absences, but all the swimmers who were in attendance swam brilliantly. Worthing began well and were leading nearest rivals Cranleigh and Alton after 10 races. After 20 races, Worthing continued to lead, but the gap had closed to just 3 points. Despite some good performances, Worthing had slipped to 2nd by just 2 points after 30 events.

3 wins in a row helped to give Worthing a 10 point lead after 40 events, with just 11 events to go. 6 more wins gave Worthing victory by 18 points on the night and 22 wins in total. The gala was held in a relay format with all but 2 races run in a relay style, including the traditional 4 swimmer relays, Squadron 8 swimmer relays at the end and 2 swimmer relays. The other 2 races were in the under 14 age group with an individual medley for both boys and girls.

Worthing swimmers won both of these races, with Michelle Hepworth successful for the girls and Archy Burnell for the boys. (Pictured Archy Burnell and Michelle Hepworth with their awards)



Squad in Full: Katie Davison, Isobel Gee, Lucy Hirst, Lily McCardle, Elijah Akehurst, Faris Khallouqi, Joshua Coulson, Oscar Silk, Richard Rempel, Holly Stoner, Michelle Hepworth, Florence Mason, Annah Bowles, Lucas Bubb, Ethan Burgess, Archy Burnell, Dima Parfoot, Jodie Curtis, Aisling Chatfield, Gemma Coulson, Hannah Urben, Daisy Hazeldine, Joshua Urben, Ben Curtis, Ellis Bubb, Elliott Moore, Jacob Nash, Alice Wardley, Alex Standing, Joe Hazeldine, Stephen Hirst.

1st Worthing 238, 2nd Cranleigh 220, 3rd Alton 205, 4th Farnham 141, 5th Wey Valley 138, 6th Eastleigh 124

Many thanks to our poolside helpers of Matthew Laker, Justine Burgess and Karen Wardley, our timekeeper, Austin Bubb and Judge, Ian Nash. Chris Luesley, Head Coach, Worthing SC