

## Record Breakers!

The swimmers representing our local Premier swimming club; Hastings Seagull had a very busy and successful month.

The October Club Championships saw two Club Championship Records smashed and a total of 54 personal best times achieved.

Both records came the aged 16 to 17 years 4 x 25m Individual Medley.

In the boys event; Tom Creed swam a Club Championship record time of 1.02.13 in the heats and before he went on to win the Final whilst in the girls Final; Victoria Turner swam a Club Championship record time of 1.09.90.

Hannah Keen swam an excellent time of 58.74 whilst winning the aged 18 and over 100m Freestyle and in the aged 14 and 15 years 100m Butterfly Final Jodie Shoemith came out on top with an excellent personal best time of 1.17.13.

In the aged 12 to 13 years Event; Emily Williams swam a personal best time of 1.16.15 in winning the 100m backstroke by almost two seconds.

In the aged 10 and 11 years 50m breaststroke event; Lauren Alff swam magnificently to win the event with a time of 45.83; almost five seconds ahead of her nearest rival.

In the youngest age group of 9 and under; a strong field led to hugely exciting races in both the Heat and the Final of the 25m Freestyle Event.

The winner in the Final was Ellie Foster with a personal best time of 18.25. Ellie and all fellow competitors in this Event swam personal best times on the night.

Adam Rouncivell won the boys aged 18 and over 100m Freestyle with a powerful performance and Dan Williams won the boys aged 12 and 13 years 100m Backstroke with an awesome swim seeing him finish over five seconds ahead of his nearest rival in the Final.

In the boys aged 14 and 15 years 100m Butterfly Event; Darius Khalesi finished a comfortable winner by almost four seconds; with a personal best time of 1.10.26.

William Saldana showed great maturity and stamina as after having qualified for the Final with only the third fastest time; he stormed ahead of his competitors in the Final and won it with a personal best time of 50.81.

The Open Event was the 400m Freestyle; a tough, demanding race; certainly not one for the faint-hearted.

Record numbers of participants meant that the event ran until very late in the evening and every competitor can be proud of their involvement, their effort and their results.

This further demonstrated the strength in depth of both the ability and the attitude of the Seagull swimmers.

Almost every competitor swam a personal best time or close to it and this after they had given their all in their age group events earlier in the evening.

The winners were Victoria Turner in the girls Event with a personal best time of 4.49.73 and Tom Creed in the boys Event with a personal best time of 4.29.85.