

County Development Galas 2011

Over the past two months, nine members of Hastings Seagull swimming squad have been competing in the Sussex County Development Galas at Prince Regent Centre in Brighton.

All of them entered with the objective of each achieving any outstanding personal qualifying times for the 2012 Sussex County Championships; which is of course, one of the most prestigious annual swimming meetings for our local swimmers to compete in.

In total, they swam 35 personal best times and 10 qualifying times over the two weekends upon which the Galas took place.

Many of those present had, of course, already qualified in many events and therefore only competed in the one or two in which they were yet to have recorded a qualifying time.

However, due to a positive change made by Sussex County ASA in the timescales in which qualifying times must be achieved, which ensures that swimmers cannot rely on historic results; many swimmers are busy 'cramming' in as many events as possible and as such are currently working through a hectic schedule.

Of the nine who entered; Daisy Earl, Thomas Conte, Emily Williams and Kathryn Clarke all achieved one Sussex County Championship qualifying time each.

Andy Paige went one better with two and the most prolific Seagull swimmer was the impressive 13 year old Liliana Winn, who achieved four County Qualifying times, all of which were also Personal Bests.