

Peanuts League 1 2016

Hitchin Swimming Club's youngsters took part in the first round of the Peanut League on Saturday, many taking part in their first competition.

Special congratulations must go to Elle Maguire, Dominic Wright, Isabel Bygrave, Alex Carirncross, Jessica Drury, Marco LoBiundo, Rosie Smith and Rory Jenkins on their fantastic efforts.

The girls' under 12s relay team of Freya Harwood, Jasmine Brakenbury, Laney Laws-Randall and Olivia Matfield had a brilliant night, taking first place in the freestyle and medley relay races.

The girls' under 13s team of Ashleigh Cooper, Lucy King, Ella Chapman and Catalina Granger, also took first place in their freestyle event.

The boys' under 14s freestyle relay team of Matteo LoBiundo, Louis Diamond, Lorimer Jenkins and Ben Street swam a close race and finished in second position.

The following relay teams also finished in a very respectable third place: the boys' under 12s medley and freestyle team of Joseph English, Aidan Wood, Alfie Nellis and Max Guida; the girls' under 9s special and freestyle relay team of Isabel Bygrave, Jessica Drury, Rosie Smith and Elle Maguire; and the girls' under 13s medley relay team of Ashleigh Cooper, Lucy King, Ella Chapman and Catalina Granger.

There were also some outstanding individual performances by Hitchin swimmers.

Matteo LoBiundo came first in the boys' under 13s 50m back and, with a very comfortable lead, he also won the under 13s 50m fly.

There were second places for Jasmine Brakenbury in the under 12s 50m freestyle; Catalina Granger in the under 13s 50m freestyle; Jessica Drury in the under 9s 25m breaststroke; and Freya Harwood in the under 12s 50m breaststroke.

Finally, there were third places for Olivia Matfield in the under 12s 50m back; Joseph English in the under 12s 50m back; Ashleigh Cooper in the under 13s 50m breaststroke; Elle Maguire in the under 9s 25m free; Max Guida in the under 12s 50m free; Aidan Wood in the under 12s 50m breaststroke; and Lucy King in the under 13s 50m fly.