

Stevenage Development Meet News

A NUMBER of Hitchin Swimming Club's younger swimmers attended the Stevenage Swimming Club Invitational Development Meet.

Between them they won 11 gold, five silver and eight bronze medals and many more personal best times were achieved.

For many of the swimmers, this was their first experience of racing. It was a very enjoyable event with great team spirit.

In the girls' events, Olivia Matfield, 11, collected gold in the 50m breaststroke, 100m freestyle and 50m freestyle. She also shone in the 100m individual medley (IM), winning silver.

Rachel Young, 13, won gold in the 100m IM while one of the club's youngest swimmers, Elle Maguire, took gold in the 50m freestyle.

Tilly Turner, 12, took silver in the 100m freestyle and team-mates Abbie Luhman, 11, and Lilly Nellis, 10, both won bronze in the same event. In the 50m backstroke, Lauren Bearman, 13, also won bronze.

There were plenty of successes for the boys as well. Aidan Wood, 11, won gold in the 100m IM, 50m fly, 100m freestyle and 50m freestyle.

Ben Eidmans, 12, also had a great night winning gold in the 50m freestyle with a fantastic personal best time of 32.62 secs. He also won silver in the 100m freestyle and bronze in the 100m IM and 50m backstroke.

Joseph English, 11, won gold in the 50m backstroke with Rowan Miller, also 11, winning bronze.

Edward Howting, 11, collected two silvers in the 100m IM and 100m freestyle and Lorimer Jenkins, 12, achieved bronze in the 50m breaststroke.