

# Anniversary celebrations for Dunmow Atlantis club



■ Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club has just celebrated its 20th anniversary by hosting a gala with clubs from Saffron Walden and Braintree

## SWIMMING

A squad of over 20 Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club swimmers attended the BPSC Long Course Meet at Basildon Sporting Village.

It was an excellent opportunity to compete in the 50m pool, and a first in such a facility for some of the younger swimmers.

Despite the gala being the last of the season, the Dunmow swimmers were just as determined and enthusiastic as always.

These attributes certainly paid off, as the squad fought hard against a variety of clubs including Colchester, Ealing, Barking & Dagenham, and Enfield.

Many of the swimmers gained new long course times, with 19 earning either new or improved Essex county qualifying times.

With an impressive 35 top five places and medal haul of seven bronze, two silver and one gold, the swimmers had every right to celebrate finishing the club's immensely successful 2014/15 season on a high.

Most of the squad now have a short break from competition,



■ Josh Smith

however 14-year-olds Meghan Maybanks and Josh Smith will be competing in the British Summer National Championships and ASA National Swimming Championships held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield.

The duo will be battling it out against competitors from 270 clubs from all over the country, an



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outstanding achievement and testament to their hard work and dedication.

■ Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club commemorated its 20th anniversary recently, celebrating in style by holding a friendly but competitive gala evening at Dunmow Leisure Centre.

Teams from Saffron Walden and Braintree swimming clubs were invited to take part, with the DASC squad varying in age and experience but certainly showing they are a force to be reckoned with.

During the evening, 57 races were held, including individual and team events.

DASC members took top spot 47 times.

Competitors, coaches and families all joined together afterwards for a barbecue.

Head coach Steve Turner expressed his delight at the success of the evening. He said: "A huge thank you for the efforts of everyone.

"The evening could not happen without the time and effort from many of our members.

"It just confirms to me the spirit this club has, not only to run the gala but also providing an excellent social event after.

"I think our guests from Saffron Walden and Braintree can see that we are truly an improving competitive, but friendly club."

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