

Presentation night celebrates success



SWIMMING

■ Danmow Atlantis Swimming Club members poolside

Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club members enjoyed a fantastic presentation evening.

The awards night was a culmination of the Club Championships, which started in September and involved competitors aged eight to 41. Two hundred and sixty-one races were swum, in 45 heats spread over eight sessions with over 70 swimmers taking part in the sprint finals alone.

Medals were awarded for the top six swimmers in each age group, with 60 per cent gaining personal bests.

There were also nine club records set, plus 12 new and 23 improved Essex County qualifying times.

Head coach Steve Turner, who

presented the medals, made special mention to two swimmers who achieved club firsts.

Louis Spong, aged 15, has accomplished all 17 Essex County qualifying times this year and 13-year-old Meghan Maybanks swam at National level earlier this year in Sheffield.

Turner also made reference to 27-year-old Gemma Bennett who was unable to make the ceremony due to taking part in the British Gas Open Disability Short Course Championships in Manchester.

Bennett set a PB of 1minute 23.24seconds in the 100m breast-stroke, earning herself a bronze medal.

The club medals were followed by awards given to top boy and girl achieving highest points in each age

group.

They were as follows: girls age 10/under Amy-Rose Ansell; boys age 10/under Damon Elliot; girls age 11/12 Chloe Moloney; boys age 11/12 Samuel Dack; girls age 13/14 Mogan Maybanks; boys age 13/14 Josh Smith; girls age 15/over Abbie Hart and boys age 15/over Louis Spong.

The final awards were for overall highest scoring girl and boy, with Chloe Moloney and Samuel Dack taking the accolades.

The presentations drew to a close with the confirmation of new club captains for the coming year.

Senior girl and boy captains will be Rosie Musgrove and Louis Spong, with junior girl and boy captains to be Meghan Maybanks and Samuel Dack.