

Olympic pool meet for Atlantis juniors



■ Rebecca Watt and Chloe Moloney were medalists in the 50m freestyle



■ Josh Smith (left) and John Boyle



■ Meghan Maybanks

SWIMMING

Hard work is certainly paying off for the swimmers at Dunmow Atlantis, who were on supreme form once again at the Essex County Championships last weekend.

Block B of the competition saw the squad travel to the London Aquatic Centre, following in the footsteps of their Olympic idols, to compete at the London 2012 facility.

There was plenty of action from start to finish, with the sprint events and finals providing much excitement as always.

The electric atmosphere, plus the very loud Dunmow supporters, helped to spur on the swimmers.

There were 75 long course personal

bests, 37 long course first times and 38 top 10 finishes.

There were medals galore for the club with golds for Rebecca Watt (50m freestyle), Josh Smith (50m freestyle, 50m fly, 50 back), Meghan Maybanks (50m back); silvers for John Boyle (50m freestyle), Maybanks (50m freestyle, 50m fly) and Grace Mellor (50m breaststroke); plus a bronze apiece for Chloe Moloney (50m freestyle) and Boyle (50m backstroke).

Swimmers who gained new East Region qualifying times were: Boyle, Maddie Lees, Amy Rose Ansell, Emma Sarginson, Chloe Moloney, Damon Elliot, Matt McLaughlin, Kyle Panton, Josh Smith and Katie Musgrove.

Not to be outdone, the boys and

girls 9/10yr relay teams made their debut in style.

Competing for the boys were Harrison Cox, Oscar Hastings, Henry Pertwee, Oliver Smith and Jack Rayner, while the girls' team consisted of Zoe Lloyd Rossi, Jessica Jagathesan, Eloise Ansell, Georgia Richardson, Eva Marling and Eliza Westcott.

DASC are ninth in the Top Club ranking, with 265.5 points.

The busy time continues with the club taking on other top teams from around the area in round two of the Essex Swimming League this weekend. That will be followed by the final block of the County Championships.

Visit www.dunmowatlantis.co.uk for more information about the club.