



Medway Gala 2 Medway Pk 23rd March

After driving around Medway Pk a few thousand times inspecting caravans I found a car parking space.

Heat 1 of the 400 free took place after which we had a nice little break while someone tried to find the plug for the electronic timing

Heat 2 saw 13 yr old Evan Norris take 8th place With a second pb. In the last heat Beachfield had 3 swimmers Ollie Isaacs, Stewart Grant and Brandon Harris - all three took nice pbs. Stew Grant 6th eight second pb, Ollie coming 4th with a 12 second pb and Brandon winning gold with a 5 second pb.

The next event was the girls 100 Im after another mini break with the electronic timing Berri Heaton was swimming the event for the first time and the electronic timing in her lane went kaput, after she finished. Ellen Walker and Hope Mulder were also debuting in the event. Just before Connie Harris swam the electronic timing decided to have some more fun with us and we had a nice 15 min time to reflect on life and our navels there was an ironic cheer when the timing decided that we had all served our time and decided to let us continue.

The timing returned with Veronicas Baykun, Madison Moore. Erika hopper Jess Hummel all making nice pbs. Ophelia brown unfortunately picked up a dq

Olivia Pieri made the final of the 11 yrs event with a pb as did Tarynn Marsh in the 14 yrs age group, Leonie Hopper just missed the final but made a good 4 second pb, Kara Mitchell made the final of the girls 12 yrs age group with a two second pb, Julia Baykun produced a 3 second pb, Alice Brown made a 2 second pb. Faith Harris made the final of the girls 12 yrs with a one second pb Amelia Hopper shaved a second off her pb. Kayla Moerman made the final with a pb in the 13 yrs age group Grace Dolman and Lily Durnford both reached the final of the 15 yrs age group with 3 seconds and 1 second pbs respectively.

Boys 100 backstroke:

Charlie Page made his debut in the boys 50 bk taking a-nice 2 second pb. Jack Marsh performed some interesting gymnastics on his turns in the boys 11 yrs 100 bk, Jack Burke took a 5 second pb Harri-James Isaacs was a few seconds off his pb after the 1st 25 looked very promising. The electronic timing decided it did not like James Pieri and no time came up scoreboard. William Fitzpatrick shaved a few tents of his pb, Charlie Morris collected a dq. Evan Norris made the final of the 13 yrs with a second pb, 3 Beachfield swimmers were all in the same heat. Ollie Isaacs stunned the crowd with his unique backstroke technique making the final with a two second pb in the 15 age group, Josh Baar put up a great performance in the same heat making the final with a two second pb. Josh Prendergast made the final of the 13 yrs age group in first place with a very tidy 1 second pb taking him to 6th in GB in his age group. Last up was Brandon Harris winning his heat by a long margin sub 60 again marching in to the final of the men's 16 and over. Beachfield had a one two in the ladies 19 plus 50 free from Callie Ann and Jodie Mitchell gold and silver respectively with a nice

PB 28.21 from Jodie. The men's 25 and over saw Stew Grant take gold. In the men's 19 plus we had Ollie Durrant take gold.

Finals

100 Im

11 yrs age Olivia pieri 6 th and a pb

12 yrs age Faith Harris 3rd and a pb

12 yrs age Kara Mitchell 4 th and a pb

13 yrs age Kayla Moerman 5 th and a pb

14 yrs age Tarryn Marsh 4 th and a pb

15 yrs age Grace Dolman 4 th and a pb swimming with a gammy arm after jarring it in practice

15 yrs age Lily Durnford 2 nd and a pb just touched out for gold - very strong swim

50 backstroke

10 yrs age Charlie Page 6 th and a pb

100 Backstroke

13 yrs age Evan Norris 2nd and a pb

13 yrs age Josh Prendergast 1st but dq'd after winning gold but reinstated following an appeal

15 yrs age Josh Baar 1 st and a pb

15 yrs age Ollie Isaacs 2 nd and a pb

16 yrs over Brandon Harris 1st and a pb taking Richard Carr's open and junior records nearly breaking the 59 barrier with a 59.09

All in all a very successful evening with Beachfield dominating the backstroke events

Pete