

Yorkshire Age Group Individual Championships Saturday 24th March 2007



Saturday 24th March 2007 saw the last day of the Yorkshire Age Group Individual Championships. Once again a small band of Bridlington swimmers were up with the seagulls to make the long journey to Ponds Forge, Sheffield. The Bridlington swimmers had an outstanding day, eventually coming home with 4 medals.

Jack Dare (9) was at the Yorkshires for the first time, he showed no nerves in the morning session as he prepared for and swam 50m Backstroke, Jack easily beat his entry time, finishing in 43.42 - coming 16th out of a field of 39. William Dennis (9) also swam the 50m Backstroke finishing 3rd overall (40.47) and so qualifying for the final where he eventually took third place again in a time of 39.26. William competed in the 50m Butterfly, coming seventh in his heat and qualifying for the final where he eventually finished in 4th place with a time of 40.26. Grace Dennis (10) swam an excellent 50m Freestyle in a time of 34.02 coming 11th in a field of 59, narrowly missing out on a place in the final.

Meric Inan (14) and Matthew Nelson (14) both qualified for the fastest heat in the 50m Freestyle, their good natured club rivalry spurring the boys on despite poor lane draws, they both managed phenomenal heat times to qualify for the final - Matthew finishing in 26.62 and Meric in 26.89 - both boys thrilled to break the 27 second barrier. In the final Matthew eventually took third place finishing in 26.40 and Meric came 8th in 26.82. Matthew also narrowly missed out on a place in the final for his 50m Breaststroke with a time of 35.96.

In the afternoon session Jack once again swam well doing all that was asked of him as he won his heat and got an excellent PB finishing the 50m Freestyle in a time of 37.76. William narrowly missed out on the final of this event finishing 11th in a time of 36.46, he continued to swim well in the 50m Breaststroke finishing in a time of 51.42.

Grace came 15th out of a field of 37 in the 50m Backstroke, finishing in 40.79; her best result however came in the 50m Butterfly where she finished her heat in 2nd place in a time of 37.82 so qualifying for the final where she eventually took the silver medal in a time of 36.18. Matthew and Meric were once again swimming against each other in the 50m Butterfly both qualifying for the final where Meric eventually took 3rd place in a time of 29.93, Matthew coming 7th in 30.45. In the 50m Backstroke the teenage boys both swam well again with Matthew qualifying for the final in a time of 31.95 and Meric just missing out with his time of 32.28.

In the final event of the day, the final of the 50m Backstroke Matthew overcame the distraction of a bomb scare to finish a very credible 7th in a time of 31.73.

The swimmers then raced home to support their team in a gala at Driffield as previously reported. Thanks to South Holderness coaches for help and support on poolside and to Mrs Inan for acting as team manager throughout these championships. Once again the Bridlington swimmers excelled themselves in the pool and on the poolside - a credit to the club and to the town.