

# Box Hill swimmers enjoy Cranleigh Open

AFTER the recent pressures of the SE Regional Championships, it was a real bonus to have 16 Box Hill swimmers take part in the more relaxed environment of the Cranleigh Open meet.

As the swimmers eased into this final meet of the season the medals just kept coming.

The club finished with more than 70 top six places which included 19 gold, 13 silver and 14 bronze medals.

Conrad Cawley was in buoyant mood as he watched his busy team touch out in first place time after time.

"The highlight of the day

for me was watching 11 year-old Heather Adams achieve a bronze medal in the 200m backstroke at this only her second competitive meet," said Cawley.

Top medal haul went to the amazing and always improving nine year-old Zoe Lynn who amassed two gold, two silver and two bronze medals. She was closely followed by 12-year-old team mate Felicity Skilton who won one gold, two silver and three bronze, with the gold coming in the hard fought 400m freestyle.

Following their lead with five medals apiece were Jenny Ball and young

Tabitha Read-Cayton.

A clean sweep of gold, silver and bronze in the Girls 12 years 50m breaststroke saw Celia Byatt clinch first spot followed by Felicity Skilton and Eloise Smith respectively.

Byatt later went on to win gold in her favourite event the 200m breaststroke while Fiz Skilton had silver success in her favourite event the 200m individual medley.

Four top three places went to Tilly Houston, 10, and 14 year-old Vicki Knight. Tilly finished a long hard day of competition with gold in the 50m freestyle.

Best of the Box Hill boys

was Ben Smith, 11, who made the 50m and 200m butterfly his own by totally outpacing the opposition with his strength and stamina to take gold in both events.

Box Hill will say farewell in September to two of their star swimmers when Gaby Read-Cayton and Katy Rushmer leave for Millfield School.

"I am both delighted for their achievement but saddened to see them go," said Cawley.

"They have both been a real pleasure to coach and will be missed by me and the rest of the Box Hill swim team."

## Swimming Zoe boxes in rivals

ENJOYING a more relaxed environment after the pressures of the SE Regional Championships, Box Hill tucked in with relish at the Cranleigh Open.

The final meeting of the season saw the medals just keep on coming, 70 top six placings yielding 19 golds, 13 silvers and 14 bronzes.

Coach Conrad Cawley was delighted, not least when seeing 11-year-old Heather Adams take bronze in the 200m backstroke in only her second competitive meeting.

Zoe Lynn spearheaded Box Hill's charge, the nine-year-old capturing two of each medal, 12-year-old Felicity Skilton claiming one gold, two silvers and three bronzes with her win coming in the hard-fought 400m freestyle.

Following their lead with five apiece were Jenny Ball (3-1-1) and young Tabitha Read-Cayton, who took two golds and three silvers.

There was a clean sweep in the girls 12yrs 50m breaststroke as Celia Byatt was followed in by Skilton and Eloise

Smith. Byatt later went on to grab her favourite event, the 200m breaststroke, and Skilton took silver in the 200m IM.

Best of the boys was 11-year-old Ben Smith, making the 50m and 200m butterfly his own by utterly outpacing the field.

Gaby Read-Cayton and Katy Rushmer now bid farewell to the club as they head for Millfield School, Cawley adding: "They have been a pleasure to coach."