

SWIMMING

Personal bests tumble as Box Hill star at Cranleigh Open

THE first meet of the new swimming season for all but one Box Hill swimmer resulted in a haul of 25 medals from just 43 swimmers at the Cranleigh Open.

Those swimmers who did not medal were always close but were just touched out by some outstanding swimming from the other clubs present at this well organised meet.

The 25 medals came from a total of six gold, seven silver and 12 bronze, this total could have been added to but for three disqualifications.

Best swim of the day came from Josephine Truelove just 10 a few days ago, in a well controlled 200m individual medley.

There was no medal for Truelove just the satisfaction of a fourth place ribbon and a lifetime best of more than 20 seconds. Coach Conrad Cawley was "well impressed" by the quality of the youngster's swim. Truelove was later rewarded with a bronze in the 200m breaststroke.

Zoe Lyon, 10, showed great form winning the 200m back-

stroke while fast improving team-mate Chloe Smale swam a PB time to grab bronze in the 200m backstroke.

The bulk of medals on the day were shared between Celia Byatt, Jenny Ball and Fiz Skilton with six apiece.

Byatt, despite suffering with a heavy cold, was the most successful of the trio with two gold, two silver and two bronze. She recorded personal bests in the 100m (1st) and 200m (2nd) breaststroke.

With the meet coming so

early in the season PB times were not expected, however the quality from the Box Hill Swim Team meant that more than 30 per cent of the swims came in PB clockings.

Top performer: Celia Byatt scooped two gold, two silver and two bronze medals at a very successful Open meeting

