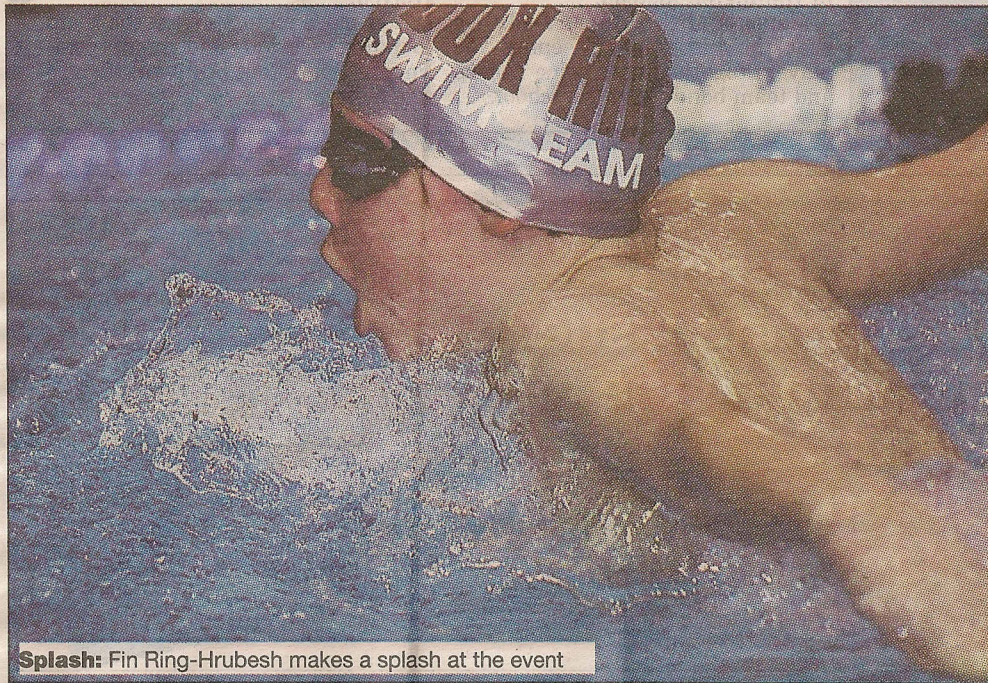


Ring-Hrubesh strikes gold at Black Swans event



Splash: Fin Ring-Hrubesh makes a splash at the event

THE cold weather meant that Box Hill swimmers were in short supply at the Black Swans meet in Elmbridge.

Despite being reduced in numbers to just six swimmers competing in 20 races, the team came away with 10 medals, including three gold, and seven lifetime best times.

Fin Ring-Hrubesh, 11, also won top boy in his age group.

Ring-Hrubesh was responsible for the three gold medals, winning the 100m butterfly, the 100m individual medley and the 50m backstroke.

He later added three bronze medals, this time in the 50m butterfly, the 50m breaststroke and the 100m backstroke.

The event turned out to

be a family affair as, not to be outdone by Fin, his nine-year-old sister Mollie swam a fantastic race to take silver in the 100m individual medley and then bronze in a fast-paced 50m freestyle race.

Martha Whitefoord, 11, bagged silver in the 50m freestyle with a county qualifying time.

Georgia McGrath, 11 was also a medal winner. She took bronze in the 100m individual medley.

She also gained two top 10 slots in the 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke.

Tilly Mitchison and Shea Salvi, both nine were taking part in their first competitive meet and managed seventh and fourth positions respectively in the 50m freestyle.