

Atkinson is on the up



IN THE week that Box Hill Swimming team celebrated their seventh anniversary with the largest entry into the County Championships in some years, several young swimmers took part in the meet at Cranleigh.

Disqualified for moving at the start on one of his six events did not deter Toby Minikin, 14, who went on to gain silver in 100m backstroke, gold in the 100m freestyle and bronze in the 100m individual medley.

Seren Atkinson, 11, (pictured above) continues to improve with two medals coming in the 50m freestyle (silver) and adding gold in the 100m backstroke with a stunning swim.

Speeding tickets are issued to swimmers who go faster than the entry qualifying time and Tom Francis, nine, got two in 100m IM and 50m freestyle. Max Foster, also nine, got one in 100m IM adding a gold in the 50m backstroke. Another speeding ticket went to nine-year-old Will Curwen also in the 100m IM event winning a bronze in the 50m backstroke.

Losing her goggles at the start meant young Ella Beater, nine, swam the 50m butterfly almost blind but she gave a good performance at her first open meet with a bronze medal in 100m IM.

Head Coach Steve Cryer was full of praise for the young team stating: "These meets are great as they give the swimmers an opportunity to compete and gain valuable times."

Other medal winners at Cranleigh included Charlie Richardson, nine, with silver in the 50m freestyle and Rebecca Lynch, 14, gaining silver for the 100m IM and bronze in the 50m freestyle.