

'C' Team - Junior League Division 3 Final Round

With debut swims for boys' Star of the Gala Tom Songhurst and 9 year old Neve McNerlin, Boldmere's 'C' team demonstrated their capability against first teams from Tamworth, City of Hereford and Newport in the third and round of the Nuneaton & District Junior Swimming League. Although a higher placing than 4th had been hoped for there was a real determination shown by all on an individual basis and great team work in the relays.

Drama came immediately when 10 year old Tom Songhurst dive started the second event, for his debut swim losing his goggles but his pure grit saw him finish scoring valuable points for the team. In the following event 9 year old Zara Chatfield swam the 25m breaststroke in a personal best time followed later by her older sister Camilla who scooped the only first position of the night in a new personal best of 43.13secs for her 50m breaststroke.

There were great swims from the 9 year old boys who swam in their own age group and for the 10 and 11 year old age group as well in relays. Sam Gale, Marcus Atkin, Aiden Van dan Broek and Archie Cleaver strived for best positions swimming up to seven events each in some cases.

The girls provided some great swims. Megan Oakley put up a great fight just missing out on first place in the 50m freestyle in a time of 33.77. But it was Chanel Kang who was the girl Star of the Gala with a fantastic second in the ten year girls' 25 metres butterfly and super relay legs.

There were excellent performances from the 9 year old girls in the relays with Eloise Meade, Zara Chatfield, Neve McNerlin and Isobel Goodman all showing potential for the future.

Other swimmers including Bonita Deathridge, Amelia Van Loan, Kelly Jade Walker, Rebekah Lee, Jacob Banks, Zehad Khalil, Phoebe Abbott, Emma Greenaway, and Ellen Ratcliffe all contributed to an enjoyable gala but a final special mention should go to James Lynch-Davies swimming his last gala as a junior – in the three years that Boldmere have run a 'C' team in the Midland League – he has not missed a gala, he has always swum at least 6 events and he has encouraged every other swimmer at every opportunity – a big thank you James!

