

# BASILDON & PHOENIX IN THE MEDALS AT COUNTY CHAMPS

## SWIMMING

**BASILDON & Phoenix** Swimming Club got off to a fine start in the first of three weekends which make up the 2012 Essex County Championships.

The gala was held at their home pool in the Basildon Sporting Village and saw the best swimmers from across Essex compete.

Basildon finished the weekend with three separate individual county champions, winning six county titles between them.

Seven new town club swimmers won a combined total of 15 top three placed medals and another seven pool racers made the finals in their individual events.

Top medal winner of the weekend was 11-year-old Brooke Frost, who collected five medals by becoming a triple county champion with gold medal wins in the 50m freestyle, the 100m freestyle and the 200m backstroke.

She also won a silver in the 200m freestyle and a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly.

Aidan Robinson, 14, became a double gold medal winner with victories in the 50m butterfly and the 100m individual medley. He also collected a bronze medal in the 50m backstroke and gained two county pennants by reaching the final in both the 1500m freestyle (fourth) and 200m freestyle (fifth).

The club's third county champion was 14-year-old Harvey



■ Young stars – medal and pennant winners from Basildon & Phoenix Swimming Club

Brown who struck gold in the 200m freestyle. He also took silver medals in the 50m backstroke and the 1500m freestyle.

Brown also claimed two county finalists' pennants in the 50m butterfly (fifth) and the 100m individual medley (sixth).

Three other swimmers narrowly missed out on county titles by one place and came home with silver medals.

Fifteen-year-old Maisie West claimed the silver medal in the 100m backstroke and final positions in the 200 backstroke (sixth) and 50m fly (eighth).

Harry Nicholls took the silver medal in the 11-year-old boys

200m freestyle, fourth place in the 50m backstroke and seventh place in the 100 metres individual medley. Bradley Clarke, 16, collected his silver medal by achieving second place in the stamina-sapping 1500m freestyle event, in a time of 18 mins 12.23 seconds.

The final medalist of the weekend was 11-year-old Tyler Berry who took the bronze medal in the 200m freestyle events, as well as gaining fifth place final finishes in both the 50m backstroke and the 100m individual medley with a sixth place in the 50m butterfly.

Four individual club records

were also broken: Maisie West (50m butterfly, 32.09s, Aidan Robinson 50m butterfly 28.36s), Michael Grace (50m backstroke – 29.35s), Michael Grace 100m IM – 1m 05.29s).

● Other swimmers who won Essex County pennants: Caroline Mellor (age 15) - 5th 200 metres butterfly, Molly Jerome (14) - 5th 50 breaststroke, 7th 50 butterfly, 7th 100 backstroke, Joe Wakerley (12) - 6th 100 individual medley, 6th 50 butterfly, Rebecca Asher (15) - 6th 50 breaststroke, Rachael Moore (14) - 7th 200 breaststroke, 8th 100 freestyle, Harvey Jolly (11) - 7th 200 freestyle, 8th 100 individual medley, Lewis Cooper - 8th 200 freestyle.

● Other Basildon & Phoenix swimmers who represented the club were: Maisie Jones (11), Vincent Melo Peet (11), Chelsea Clarke (11), Bethany Richardson (11), Megan Thompson (11), Adam Westall (12), Aaron Clarke (12), James Neale (14), Jennifer Munro (14), Hamish Young (14), Thomas Head (16).