

Swim season starts up with awards night

YEOVIL and District Swimming Club have kicked off the new swimming season with their Annual Presentation Ceremony, which saw an afternoon of celebrations at the Bradford Abbas Sports and Recreation Club, honouring the previous year's achievements.

Thirteen prestigious awards were presented by Head Coach Rebecca Richards to: Aaron Bartlett/Harriet Watts (best performance - whole club), Connor Perrin/Bella Moore (best performance - junior), Oscar Filtness (most improved - nine and under), Imogen Whitehead (most improved 11 and under), Laura Downting (most improved 13 and under), Alice Holloway (most improved senior), James Lee/

Erin Cassingham (junior coaches award), Sam Harries/Jasmine Moore (senior coaches award) and Martin Hooper (volunteer award).

There were double celebrations as the club announced to its members, aged six and upwards, that they have been awarded the coveted SwimMark by Swim England.

The SwimMark is awarded to a handful of clubs in the country by the sports governing body to recognise high standards of governance, sustainability and effectiveness - a quality mark for swimming clubs.

The club proved that they are a well organised and safe club, with comprehensive and robust policies covering all aspects of its operations.

The first gala of the season took place on Saturday with the junior squads competing in the final round of the Southern Junior League at Weymouth Swimming Pool.

Competing against neighbouring teams from Swindon, Weymouth, Bradford upon Avon and Southwold (Bristol), it was a fun packed gala giving the youngest swimmers of the club their first experience of the racing environment.

With some fantastic swimming from all members of the team the club finished joint first with Swindon team Sx3B, much to the delight of the attending volunteer coaches Michelle Harries, Paul Perry, Mel Hooper and Mark Ovens.

For further info and to book a free trial go to ydsc.co.uk.



The Yeovil District Swimming Club squad