

Swimmers of Chard and District Swimming Club competed in the Taunton Deane Open Meet over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> April 2010, at the Millfield Pool, Street, writes *Steph Hallam*.

There was tough competition from many Premier clubs at this Level 1 meet. However, this did not phase the Chard swimmers, who performed very successfully with South West Regional Qualifying Times (**SWRQT**) achieved by **Elisha Hawkins; 10, Tessa Down; 12, Daniel Walker; 13**, and the trio of **14 year olds: Jake Hallam, Luke van den Barselaar**, and **Madeline Ryder**.

**Madeline** secured her times in the 50mts Freestyle: **28-32**, 200mts Freestyle: **2-13-40** and the 100mts Freestyle in **1-00-90** which was a new **14 yrs & under** and an **Open club record**. **Jake** obtained his **SWRQT'S** in the 100mts Butterfly: **1-04-29**, 200mts Individual Medley: **2-26-59** and in the 200m Butterfly: **2-28-18**. Whilst **Daniel** achieved times of **2-48-02** in the 200mts Breaststroke, **2-15-43** in the 200mts Freestyle, **2-33-65** in the 200mts Individual Medley, **1-15.29** in the 100mts Breaststroke and **1-01.35** in the 100mts Freestyle. He also broke the **14 yrs & under club record** in the 50m Breaststroke with a time of **34.81**. **Elisha** secured a time of **3-05-91** for the 200mts Individual Medley, along with times of **3-21-33** in the 200mts Breaststroke, **2-49-50** in the 200mts Freestyle and **3-20-31** in the 200mts Butterfly. **Tessa** obtained hers in the 100mts Breaststroke **1-22-59** and 200mts Breaststroke **2-56-68** with a new **12 yrs and under club record** to her name. **Luke** clocked a time of **1-10-37** in the 100mts Backstroke.

Top 8 positions were awarded to: **Daniel Walker (1<sup>st</sup>)** 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, **(2<sup>nd</sup>)** 200m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke **(3<sup>rd</sup>)** 100m Freestyle, 200m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley. **Madeline Ryder (1<sup>st</sup>)** 100m Freestyle, **(2<sup>nd</sup>)** 50m Freestyle **(4<sup>th</sup>)** 200m Freestyle. **Elisha Hawkins (2<sup>nd</sup>)** 200m Butterfly, 200m Breaststroke, **(6<sup>th</sup>)** 200m Backstroke, **(8<sup>th</sup>)** 200m Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley, 100m Backstroke. **Tessa Down (3<sup>rd</sup>)** 50m Breaststroke, 200m Breaststroke **(5<sup>th</sup>)** 100m Breaststroke, **(6<sup>th</sup>)** 100m Freestyle. **Jake Hallam (5<sup>th</sup>)** 100m Butterfly **(6<sup>th</sup>)** 200m Butterfly **(7<sup>th</sup>)** 200m Individual Medley. **Luke van den Barselaar (5<sup>th</sup>)** 100m Freestyle **(6<sup>th</sup>)** 400m Freestyle, **(7<sup>th</sup>)** 50m Backstroke and 100m Backstroke. **Jodie Hake (5<sup>th</sup>)** 50m Butterfly, **(8<sup>th</sup>)** 200m Backstroke. **Lauren van den Barselaar (6<sup>th</sup>)** 50m Freestyle. **Elsie Emery (6<sup>th</sup>)** 100m Freestyle. **Lewis Pearson (5<sup>th</sup>)** 50m Breaststroke **(6<sup>th</sup>)** 100m Freestyle **(7<sup>th</sup>)** 50m Backstroke. **(8<sup>th</sup>)** 200m Individual Medley. **Ben Fowler (6<sup>th</sup>)** 50m Backstroke **(8<sup>th</sup>)** 100m Backstroke. **Abigail Dare (7<sup>th</sup>)** 50m Butterfly, with **Marsha Emery; 10, Jessica Mathieson; 13 and Dan Andrews; 14**, also taking part.