

## **Hoddesdon Swimming Club – Swimmers Shine As Nights Draw In!**



**A number of medal winners from the Bishop Stortford Open Meet**

So far September and October have proved to be outstanding months for representatives from Hoddesdon Swimming Club.

On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September Hoddesdon swimmers attended the Bishops Stortford Open Meet in Braintree, Essex. There were many fantastic performances, and a large number of personal best times tumbled. Of special note were the performances of Chris Smith (aged 14) and David Kelleway (aged 15) who won 12 races between them, across all strokes (Backstroke, Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley). Also, Imogen Pearce finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m Breaststroke (9 years and over), just 0.06 seconds behind the winner.

Next on the calendar was the Robin Hood Open Meet, held in Sheffield on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Again, there were a number of great results, most notably, Emma Warrington 3<sup>rd</sup> for 200m Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> for both the 50m and 100m Breaststroke. Her younger sister Hayley had 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 50m Freestyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m Breaststroke. Chris Smith managed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m Breaststroke. Georgina Fisher, Chloe Richards and Kane Hagley-King also had an outstanding event.

Finally, also on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the Cheshunt Open Meet was held. Hoddesdon swimmers produced some strong swims winning several medals and many with personal best times. A good start taking into account we are so early in the season. Most notable were Julz Sullivan who came first in the 100m butterfly with a PB of 1.23.07. Keira Sullivan was disappointed with her swim and time in the 100m butterfly but still came 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also had a great swim on 100m backstroke - after being behind for most of the race, eventually going on to win. She had a good swim in the 100m freestyle coming 2<sup>nd</sup> by just a 100th of a second. Kirstin Meikle came first in the 100 Individual Medley and second in the 100m backstroke. Rebecca Freestone finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m breaststroke, just outside her PB and first in the 100m IM with a PB. She also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m backstroke. Naomi Harvey swam with great confidence in her first Open Meet achieving a PB in 50m backstroke with a time of 54.38 and swam a good 50m freestyle. Naomi was constantly smiling and helped to cheer on the other swimmers.