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ASA Age Group and Open Water Nationals 2009

Swimmers from clubs in the Oxford and North Bucks County Swimming Association took part in this year's National Age Group Championships held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield. Maxwell's 11 years old **Leah Piccolo** not only qualified for her first champs but also made the final of 400m individual medley, finishing in 7th place and also swam 4 seconds faster than her heat time. Leah also competed in the 200m butterfly and 200m IM.

In the same age group Aylesbury's **Charlotte Evans** was also competing in her first Nationals. Charlotte swam a huge 14 second PB in the 800m free and finished in 10th place. Charlotte also competed in the 200m free.

12 years old **Lucy Smith** from City of Oxford qualified for six events including the 800m free where she swam an 11 second PB and finished in 8th place. Lucy also made the final of the 200m free, swimming 2 seconds faster than her heat time and taking 6th place.

City of Milton Keynes swimmer **Jocelyn Ulyett**, 13 years old, qualified for four events with her best result a place in the final of the 200IM where she came 7th and set a new Junior and Open county record in a personal best time of 2.27.53*.

Representing Witney 14 years old **Adam Colling** swam in the 100m breaststroke and also made the final.

CMKSC's 14 year old **Ben Flaherty** swam personal best times in both the 800m and 1500m freestyle, taking 18 seconds off the latter event. Also from the Milton Keynes club 14 years old **Matt Masters** qualified for six individual events finishing within the top twenty places in each swim.

This year three clubs from the County had relay teams competing. **Emma Lomas, Sarah Gould, Molly Williamson** and **Lucy Smith** represented Oxford and set a new Junior county record in the 4 x 100m medley in a time of 4.54.09. The Oxford team also set a Junior and Open record in the new 4 x 200m free event (9.10.66). **Aaron Lee, Tom Kaye, Liam O'Brien** and **Rhys Hylands** swam for Maxwell and improved on their entry times. **Adam Van Lokven, Courtney Dos Santos, Ben Flaherty** and **Matt Masters** competed for CMKSC and set new Junior county records; 4 x 100m free (3.55.01), 4 x 100m medley(4.26.56) and the new 4 x 200m free (8.35.67).

In the Open Water Championships held at Rother Valley Country Park **Emma Lomas** of Oxford took 2nd place in the girls 13 years 1500m group in a time of 20.18.45. **Olivia Law**, 14, from Abingdon Vale SC, finished in 20.43.35 in her age group. **Ben Flaherty**, 14, CMKSC, came 6th in a time of 18.57.24 and finally **Ben Chapman**, Oxford, finished 5th in the 15/16 age group 1750m event in a time of 21.40.47.

Report ends
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* All records subject to ratification