

## Sparrow Gala

A rather depleted team of swimmers set out on evening to Sevenoaks Leisure Centre to compete in our first 'A' gala of the year. With many of our swimmers moving up an age group, others competing at the Kent schools and some nursing injuries and sickness we knew we would be in for a tough night of competition.

The Crawley swimming squad laid down their intentions right from the start winning the first 8 races of the night. A further 26 first places were to follow during the evening helping them to secure a well deserved victory.

With the Crawley team swimming so well, individual victories for the other teams were few and far between. However, first places for DDSC were delivered by Alice Gleeson, Charlie Knight and Andrey Brightwell, all in the under 11 age group. There were also 16 personal bests recorded and the team spirit and vocal support from poolside was once again a joy to see.

Thanks to my poolside helpers and to all the parents who gave up another Saturday evening to support their children.

My next gala as team manager is not until the 9th May 2009 at Dorking, so may I take this opportunity to wish all our swimmers the best of luck at the Kent championships during February and March.