

## Tudor round one

The 2009 gala season got off to a flying start with the first Tudor team gala at Eltham on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. The January 'blues' had set in with a number of swimmers pulling out with the dreaded lurg that is floating around, John was once again magically juggling on the night but his usual masterful management skills pulled various rabbits out of his seemingly bottomless hat and the swimmers rallied to the cause.

With the long Christmas break it was never to be a night of personal bests and in the pool there were few outright victories. However the consistent quality of the high ranking 'near' misses meant that we finished the evening with a creditable 34 point victory.

The team can only get stronger and this will give them an excellent starting block for the year.

Many of the swimmers will have eyes on the Kent Championships on the close horizon and there will be a tidy few representing their schools and colleges and we wish them all luck.

Last year was an incredible season with successes all the way. Let's keep it like that swimmers, it is all down to your commitment in training and your ability to turn up the heat and throw in the PB's in those important galas. Well done from all of us and Thank you for making Dartford such a success.