

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**SWIMMING REPORT BY LESLEY SHARP, DAVENTRY DOLPHINS**

Daventry Leisure Centre was the venue for the latest Daventry Dolphins Swimming Club Development Gala. The purpose of the gala was for swimmers to swim an event for which they didn't already have a recorded time or to try and make improvement on their times. There were 130 swimmers taking part, those from the Dolphins and also from Spinney Hill SC, Northampton, Northampton SC, Rugby SC and Nottingham Portland SC. What was most pleasing however, was to see swimmers from the Daventry Leisure Centre Swim school programme taking part.

Not only was this event useful for the swimmers but also for the development of new swimming officials and the Club was pleased to assist with the ASA Young Swimming Volunteers project. Pardon the pun, but having competitors from all these Clubs meant that we were also able to 'pool' our resources in the Officiating department and the Club were grateful for Rugby SC providing 2 of the 3 volunteer Technical referees for this event and to Spinney Hill SC for providing 2 Technical judges. All other volunteer officials and helpers were from the Club.

The event was a huge success with many requests for another one to be hosted soon. The Daventry Dolphins swimmers produced 99 personal best times between them on the day.

The following comment is attributed to one of the visiting Swimming Coaches:

*" I can only reiterate what others have said. In all honesty I think that development galas such as last nights are the future."*