



Northgate Swimming Club

Newsletter



WELCOME:
FROM STEVE SMITH,
CHAIR OF NORTHGATE

CELEBRATING
ACHIEVEMENTS,
NEWS AND
CONGRATULATIONS

BEHIND THE SCENES
– GETTING TO KNOW
YOUR CLUB

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Hello,

There have been some amazing swimming performances and individual achievements in and out of the pool since our last newsletter in April so it's another bumper edition this month. We hope you enjoy reading all about them.

Steve Smith, Chair of Northgate Swimming Club

Nuneaton League Round 2

Round 2 of the Nuneaton League saw the team travel to Redditch on Saturday 13th May. It was an eventful session which saw several swimmers competing for the first time. They certainly made the club proud and should be very proud of themselves.

Lois and Henry Wiggan, Eva and Isla Siegal, Eddie Gibbons, and Emma Merrick were very welcome additions to the squad and helped us enter a full team meaning we could compete in every event. We finished the session in 5th place. The last round of the league is on the 17th June, venue to be confirmed – Go Gators!!

Regional Competition – April / May 2023

Nine of Northgate's strongest swimmers took part in 2 excellent weekends of racing at the recent West Midland Championship, held at The Alan Higgs Centre in Coventry. The squad had some excellent performances including:

- 24 out of 26 races producing individual personal bests.
- Northgate swimmers competed in eight separate finals.
- 4 new club records were set in backstroke by Martha Gibbard for the age 12 50M & 100M backstroke and Emily Gurr broke the 50M & 100M backstroke for age 11.
- Martha Gibbard also won the gold medal for the 50M backstroke race and Emily Gurr claimed silver in the 1500M freestyle for good measure.
- Northgate also entered their first ever relay team in this championship, with Isaac Gibbard, Reagan Haden, Elliott Pabla and Alfie Berry all recording split times that if they had been individual races, would have smashed their personal bests!



Many congratulations to the team, all of whom have progressed through the club from the 'gators' section.





A number of our swimmers have been achieving great things outside the club. We want to say a special congratulations to them all.

First up is Leo Johnson. Leo recently represented his school in the qualifying round for the Independent Association of Prep Schools. Leo was 2nd in the country with a time of 18.97 for 25m backstroke. His year five team have also qualified for the medley. The club wishes

Leo the very best of luck as he enters the national final at London Aquatic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Saturday 3rd June.



Dewi Arch was recently awarded with the Davies Shield 2023, presented at the Bridgnorth Mayor Making Ceremony for his Swimming Achievement this year.

Very well deserved Dewi.
Well done from everyone at the club.

An invitation to Buckingham Palace was in order for two Northgate swimmers!

Jack Cole and Jess Knowles have successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, so were invited to meet the Duke of Edinburgh himself. Having started in the Dolphins at Northgate, they progressed to the Seniors group and volunteered for the club to gain their awards in timekeeping, coaching and swimming.

Both Jess and Jack were part of Shropshire Young Volunteers Programme.

Many congratulations to you both - you continue to make the club very proud.



Team GB selection. Well done to Dan Galloway on his selection to the year 13 team Great Britain and Northern Ireland Junior Team who are competing at the Loughborough International Event. Dan will be running a mile and is aiming to dip under the magical 4 minute barrier. Very best of luck Dan!



.....and finally congratulations again to our very own Dewi Arch has competed at **Swim Wales Long Couse Meet** North 23 and only went and won gold in both the 100m and 200m backstroke, and silver in the 100m freestyle!!

Simply fantastic. Well done Dewi.



M	12&0	100 Back	Timed	Finals
L P	Ev.	11 Ht.	2 Team	0.00
1	8	Griffiths, Oliv	NCPV	1:15.15
2	1	Arch, Dewi	NRHM	1:06.13
3	6	Bebb, Lewis	NUTV	1:11.37
4	4	Rhys, Gruff	SGPY	1:09.87
5	3	Clarke, Tomas	HOLV	1:06.31
6	3	Wren, James	NCPV	1:08.58
7	5	Leatherbarro	WREY	1:10.19
8	7	Williams, Owen	BANY	1:14.23

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

MONDAY 1ST MAY 2023 - BRIDGNORTH WALK

Thank you and well done to Erin and Lois Marshall, Reece and Finley Thomas and Olivia Homer (and their families) for completing the rather muddy family walk.

Well done to Northgate's Anna Cole who completed the full 22 mile walk. An amazing achievement and brilliant fundraising for worthy causes (Severn Hospice and SANDS). Well done Anna.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CLUB:

Spotlight on: Austin Hunter-Partridge, Junior Development Squad

When did you join Northgate? I joined in November 2022

What is your favourite stroke? Breaststroke is my favourite stroke but I also enjoy swimming butterfly.

What do you enjoy most about Northgate? Making new friends and racing against each other in training sessions.

What is your proudest Northgate moment? My proudest moment so far was winning lots of medals at the Diddy Gala. It was my first swimming competition.

What is your funniest Northgate or swimming moment? Probably when I did my chicken dive! My Dad thought I was diving deep to get a coin from the bottom of the pool!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nuneaton League Round 3
(for selected swimmers)
17th June time / venue TBC

Wenlock Olympians Society Gala
12's and under
15th July, time TBC

