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# Northgate Swimming Club

## Newsletter



WELCOME:  
EASTER WISHES FROM  
STEVE SMITH, CHAIR OF  
NORTHGATE

CELEBRATING  
ACHIEVEMENTS,  
NEWS AND  
CONGRATULATIONS

BEHIND THE SCENES  
– GETTING TO KNOW  
YOUR CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Hello,

I hope you have been enjoying a good easter break and are looking forward to getting back in the water. All the swimmers, like the coaches, have worked hard for their rest over the bank holiday weekend.

There have been some amazing swimming performances since our last newsletter in March so it's a bumper edition this month. We hope you enjoy reading all about them.

Steve Smith, Chair of Northgate Swimming Club

## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS, NEWS AND CONGRATULATIONS

A number of swimmers have moved up a group since last month as a result of their hard work and determination. Well done to: Aaron Caswell-Saleh, Freddie Lloyd, Eddie Buckley, Erin Marshall and Charlie Theobalds-Williams who are moving up from Gators to Junior Development. Congratulations to Reece Thomas who has moved from JPS to Seniors.



Go Gators!

(if we have missed anyone, please let us know!)

We would like to take a moment to say a huge **well done** to this group of swimmers. On 25<sup>th</sup> March they travelled to Rugby for the first round of the Nuneaton League. With only 6 girls in the squad, the swimmers had their work cut out.



We had multiple swimmers competing in higher age groups, empty lanes in some races as our squad was smaller than the rest, and many of the swimmers were in their first league meet. That did not stop them!

They all dug really deep and swam their hearts out and finished in second place. As Rich Homer said "it was an absolutely fantastic performance from them all".

Highlights included:

- First league events for Finn Lloyd, Riley Gough, Alice Oliver, Olivia Homer, Austin Hunter-Patridge, Harry Wain, Emily Wootten, Willum Martin and Fletcher Harrison.
- First place finishes for Rory Yarnley, Sion Williams, Emily Gurr, Jack Cook, Leo Johnson and Alice.
- Fletcher Harrison who swam 5 races in very close succession!!



- The boys 8 length freestyle relay team were the only group who weren't disqualified (go Willum, Austin, Quinn Hickie, William Morris, Riley, Leo, Harry and Sion!!)
- Olivia and Alice who swam in higher age groups.

We cannot wait to see what they achieve in the next round. Go Gators!!!

## Wolverhampton Open - 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March

The Wolves Open saw swimmers from across the Midlands region competing and saw Team Northgate achieve some great results as ever! Alfie Berry, Isaac Gibbard and Elliott Pabla all secured regional times.

Grace Goldsmith and Daisy Berry gained a number of personal bests.

Harry Wain knocked an impressive 14 seconds off his personal best for 100m freestyle.



**Congratulations** to Northgate Swimmers Eddie Gibbons, Saskia Fellows, Amelia Brown and Emily Gurr who swam at the West Midlands Primary Relay Gala in March. Swimming for Castlefields Primary School, they smashed it in both the IM and Freestyle. They now qualify for the national finals at Sheffield in June.

On behalf of everyone at Northgate Swimming Club we want to wish you all the very best of luck. Go Gators (and Castlefields!)

## News from the Liverpool long course meet:

Congratulations to Dewi Arch and Elliott Pabla who represented Northgate at the Liverpool meet earlier this month and set 2 new club records.

Elliott got things started by equaling the 50m freestyle record in his heat with a time of 27.68s, which was then promptly beaten by Dewi with 27.26s. The record had previously stood for an incredible 21 years!!!! Dewi then went on to break Andy Jones 50m back stroke record by 1.2 seconds registering a time of 30.66. Just amazing, well done to both!



## TEAM UNIFY

Team Unify is the platform we are using for all club matters. It's used for everything from registers during training sessions and communicating with members. Hopefully most of you are now using it regularly. If you haven't already, please download the App so you can stay up to date. Please ask your coach for advice if you are struggling to access it.



## BEHIND THE SCENES FUNDRAISING & VOLUNTEERING:



Easyfundraising is a simple way for the swimming club to raise funds without anyone spending any extra money!! By signing up to the cause and purchasing via the App we will secure a donation from the retail outlet you are shopping at. It includes lots of online shops such as Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Sports Direct, Nike, and Clarks. Follow this link and take these simple steps to get set up to help us increase our funds.

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### GET STARTED

## How to support Northgate Swimming Club

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- 2 Download our browser extension**  
Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- 3 Track your donations**  
You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Northgate Swimming Club gets paid.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CLUB: Spotlight on: Dewi Arch

*When did you join Northgate?* I joined in 2017/18

*What is your favourite stroke?* Backstroke

*What is your least favourite stroke?* Breaststroke!!

*What do you enjoy most about swimming?* The family and experiences.

*What is your proudest Northgate moment?* Qualifying for Summer Regionals last year!

*What is your funniest Northgate or swimming moment?* Holly Morris doing the Macarena on pool side of a gala. Many times.

*What advice would you give to younger swimmers?* Try hard in training and results will come!!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Nuneaton League Round 2**  
(for selected swimmers)  
13<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm in Redditch

**Wenlock Olympians Society Gala**  
12's and under  
15<sup>th</sup> July, time TBC



## **MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023 BRIDGNORTH WALK**

Have you signed up yet?????

Last years team had great fun and raised an incredible amount of money.

**Deadline for applications is the 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please don't delay signing up.**



