

## Scorching Secondaries Shatter PB's



A mountain of medals were accumulated by Leamington Swimmers at Nuneaton in the Cov and District Secondaries. Amassing a huge 159 personal bests over a weekend of racing.

Thirteen year old Georgia Kidd superb swimming topped the medal table with winning performances in the 50 and 100m back, 50m breast and 50m free, adding silver in the 100m breast and a further bronze in the 50m fly generating new pb's in all events.

A fabulous 31.10 in the 50m free led to a sprinting hat trick of gold medals including the fly and back for Aran Shuttlewood,12. Finn Nicolas,12 took silver in the fly later adding bronze in the 100m free.

Only a whisker separated the top two in the boys 400m free but Nick Payne's sharp finish secured a five second pb and a great first place. Whilst an intense battle developed in the girls event with six Spa swimmers finishing in the top eight places, Jenny Chapman,17 just missed out on a medal finishing in fourth place, younger sister Sarah,13, in eighth place and Jade Pickett finished in seventh place. But powering her way to the front was Amy Pettigrew,14, storming to gold with a new club record of 4.39.31 catapulting Amy to number one on the rankings. In second place was Sarah Brades,16, and taking the last podium spot was fifteen year old Hannah Pickett. Hannah also slashed another four seconds from her 200m IM achieving gold and later added gold number two in the 100m fly and producing second in the 200m fly.

Following Amy's success in the 400m free, she continued to perform exceptionally producing pb after pb, securing gold in the 200m breast and finishing the day with silver in the 100m breast and bronze in the 100m back.

Joshua James,15 had a blistering 200m breaststroke race chopping four seconds off his pb which was only recorded the previous month at Nuneaton's Spring Meet. Two further substantial pb's rewarded Josh with another first place for the 200m free and silver in the 200m IM.

An excellent backstroke performance from twelve year old Derry Linton saw pb's in both distances rewarding Derry with a gold in the 50m and bronze in the 100m event. Whilst freestyling into first place in the 100m was thirteen year old Jade Pickett and a grand time of 30.80 in the 50m event placed Jade into second place.

Showing her fly skills with a brilliant underwater display from the start, helped seventeen year old Sarah Smith secure a well-deserved first place in the 100m back and bronze in the 200m fly both with cracking pb's and Jenny Chapman recorded a new time in the 50m fly for silver.

Competing at Rotherham the previous day, Megan Stanton,11, still had plenty of fuel in the tank generating a huge 10 second pb to take first place in the 100m fly and silver in the 50m breast. Edward Jolly,11, clocked up gold in the 50m breast with a new time of 43.64 and claimed silvers in the 100m IM and 50m free. Whilst in the ten year category, Evie Nicholas snatched gold by her finger tips in an extremely close 50m free and James Mackenzie went home with gold in the 50m fly and a huge five second pb in the 50m breast securing second place.

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Bronze medals went to thirteen year olds, Sarah Chapman in the 100m fly and Felicity Dempster in a flying 200m back plunging her time down to 2.31.71. Bronze performances were also achieved from eleven year olds Connell Parker in both the 50m fly and backstroke and Charlotte Hughes in the 50m free.

A superb debut performance in the 50m breaststroke rewarded nine year old Amelia Quelch with a silver medal in a time of 53.31 and well done Annabel Craik competing in her first Open gala. Well done swimmers a tremendous 159 new personal bests were recorded.