

ASA National County Championships 2016

Ponds Forge International Pool, Sheffield, Sunday 23rd October

As is now customary, the Surrey County swim team gathered on Saturday under the stewardship of Team Manager Julie Burvill, for the journey to Sheffield for what is always guaranteed to be a fun, colourful and very exciting weekend. Working our way through the traffic the team arrived at 5pm, ready for check in, and an evening of team bonding, chilling and re-fuelling!

Sunday morning all swimmers woke to a hearty breakfast, a team photo (or two) and a game of dead ants (yes I did say dead ants). The team, resplendent in Surrey colours and fancy dress strolled purposefully to the pool making lots of noise as excitement built with every step.

Captains, Molly Robinson of Guildford City and Michael Rees of Sutton & Cheam SC lead Surrey in the Parade of the Counties and they were greeted by a huge roar as they arrived on poolside proudly bearing the Surrey banner.



Confidence and expectation were both high as we once again fielded a strong team again and we got off to a great start. First place wins amongst the Country's finest swimmers and the maximum 20 points came from Guildford City's Tatiana Belonogoff in the Girls 14/15 years 100m breaststroke, Woking SC's Anna Maine in the Girls 16/17 years 100m Backstroke and Dorking's Nathan McCleave in the Boys 16/17 years 100m backstroke.

2nd place swims picking up almost maximum points again, Leatherhead SC's Kirstie Flynn Girls 12/13 years 100m Freestyle and Woking SC Anna Maine Girls 16/17 100m Freestyle.

As usual the relays were thrilling, with very strong performances in all events but the Surrey team really had us on the edge of our seats in the Girls 16/17 years 4 x 50m Medley Relay, swimmers Anna Maine - Woking SC, Morgan Penney - Wandsworth SC, Molly Robinson - Guildford City SC and Amy Hodgson - Guildford City SC stealing a very closely fought 4th place away from Kent County. Next up were the Boys 12/13 years 4 x 50m Medley Relay, Jordon McPhail - Guildford City SC, Sandor Apponyi - Dulwich Dolphins SC, Louis Nguyen - Dulwich Dolphins SC and Spencer Creamore - Sutton & Cheam SC, again with a closely fought 4th place this time taking it from 14 year National County Champions, Lancashire County!

Superb PB's with an early start to the season came from:

12/13 years Girls 100m Breaststroke	Frances Newe	Dulwich Dolphins SC
12/13 years Girls 100m Butterfly	Abigail Stemp	Haslemere SC
12/13 years Boys 100m Breaststroke	Sandor Apponyi	Dulwich Dolphins SC
12/13 years Boys 100m Butterfly	Louis Nguyen	Dulwich Dolphins SC
14/15 years Girls 100m Backstroke	Tilly Hansen Hamilton	Guildford City SC
14/15 years Boys 100m Butterfly	Spencer Gall	Epsom District SC
16/17 years Girls 100m Breaststroke	Amy Hodgson	Guildford City SC

Solid performances notching up valuable points, often increasing on their original placing in the heats included:

12/13 years Girls 100m Backstroke	Daisy Seymour	Guildford City SC
12/13 years Boys 100m Freestyle	Spencer Creamore	Sutton & Cheam SC
12/13 years Boys 100m Backstroke	Jordon McPhail	Guildford City SC
14/15 years Girls 100m Freestyle	Tatiana Belonogoff	Guildford City SC
14/15 years Girls 100m Butterfly	Anna Ciurleo	Wandsworth SC
14/15 years Boys 100m Freestyle	Nathan McCleave	Dorking SC
14/15 years Boys 100m Breaststroke	Charlie Trotman	Guildford City SC
16/17 years Girls 100m Butterfly	Molly Robinson (Captain)	Guildford City SC
16/17 years Boys 100m Breaststroke	Sam Nickson	Guildford City SC
16/17 years Boys 100m Freestyle & 100m Fly	Henry Offin	Guildford City SC
16/17 years Boys 100m Backstroke	Michael Rees (Captain)	Sutton & Cheam SC

In Swim order – Relay swims were delivered by:

Girls 12/13 years 4 x 50m Medley Relay; Daisy Seymour – Guildford City SC, Frances Newe – Dulwich Dolphins, Abigail Stemp – Haslemere SC, Kirstie Flynn – Leatherhead SC

Girls 14/15 years 4 x 50m Medley Relay; Tilly Hansen Hamilton – Guildford City SC, Tatiana Belonogoff – Guildford City SC, Anna Ciurleo – Wandsworth SC, Kirstin Harvie – Leander SC.

Boys 14/15 years 4 x 50m Medley Relay; Nathan McCleave – Dorking SC, Charlie Trotman – Guildford City SC, Spencer Gall – Epsom District SC, Matthew Ferguson – Woking SC.

Boys 16/17 years 4 x 50m Medley Relay; Michael Rees – Sutton & Cheam, Sam Nickson – Guildford City SC, Henry Offin – Guildford City SC, Ewan Smith – Woking SC.

Mixed 6 x 50m Freestyle Relay; Kirstie Flynn – Leatherhead SC, Spencer Creamore – Sutton & Cheam SC, Tatiana Belonogoff – Guildford City SC, Nathan McCleave – Dorking SC, Anna Maine – Woking SC and Ewan Smith – Woking SC.



Well done to all swimmers, not only superb swimming from each and every one of you, but also great team spirit, impeccably behaved and great ambassadors for the County.

Huge thanks to Vince Ayling, in his 2nd year as County Coach, Carole Chaplin - Surrey ASA President – looking regal with her County Chain, supported the team in person throughout the weekend. Catherine Ferguson and Paul Sceats of Woking SC who supported the County by officiating during the event and Liz Stemp for Marshalling the swimmers and getting them to the races on time.

Surrey finished in an incredible 7th place. We congratulate Yorkshire on finally knocking Lancashire off the top perch, and we also congratulate SE Region colleagues Kent on their 4th place. The Division once placings were:

Place	County	Points	Place	County	Points
1 st	Yorkshire	544	11 th	Nottinghamshire	300
2 nd	Lancashire	486	12 th	Suffolk	290
3 rd	Kent	421	13 th	Swim Wales East	280
4 th	Somerset	409	14 th	Essex	278
5 th	Middlesex	372	15 th	Leicestershire	274
6 th	Scotland East	349	16 th	Northumberland Durham	272
7 th	Surrey	348	17 th	Derbyshire	265
8 th	Hampshire	346	18 th	Berkshire & S. Bucks	239
9 th	Oxford & N. Bucks	336	19 th	Herefordshire	216
10 th	Cheshire	303	20 th	Swim Wales West	187

WHAT A TEAM..... Can't wait for next year!

