

Long Distance Counties 2010



The 2010 Counties started at the Temple Cowley pool on Sunday 14th February with the Boys 1500 event. Harry Blackford was our only entry and performed outstandingly coming in with a time of 19.30.29. He finished 4th in his age group, well done Harry.

Second up also on the 14th were four Witney girls in the 800 event also at Temple Cowley. Megan Sulley, Skye Tanner, Abigail Patrick and Ellie Nutt all swam fantastically with PB's all round and good placings in their age groups. Well done to all who competed on the 14th it was sterling effort and you all did yourselves and Witney proud; a red rose to you all on Valentines day!!

Moving on, the next weekend and a different venue, the Stantonbury Pool in Milton Keynes and the 400 events.

Eight boys competed in the 400 freestyle with Tom McLean and Nathan Harkin both achieving very creditable 3rd places in their age group. Nathan also achieved a third in the County Junior Championship along with a new Club record. Overall, again most of the Witney swimmers produced good PB's and creditable results in all age groups.

The girls were up next in the 400 IM and our small but capable group of swimmers produced some great results with good swims all round. Abigail Patrick in the 10 year age group came 2nd with a huge PB, Skye Tanner came 12th in the 12 age bracket with another good PB and last but not least Yolanda Speare produced a great swim to come 2nd in the 16 age band. Overall a good morning's swimming.

On to the afternoon and we started with the boys 400 IM and Liam Hatton was our first swimmer producing a fine swim to come 3rd in the 10 years age group. Nathan continued his fine form with a 2nd in the 15 age band and 2nd in the Junior Championship and another Club record to his name. Adam Colling was 11th in the same age category. Dan Harkin swam to 2nd place in the 17 year and over bracket with yet another PB.

Abigail Patrick again kicked the Witney girls off with a fine 5th place and large PB in the girls 400 Freestyle. Yolanda came 2nd and Naomi Moore came 4th in the 17 year and over age bracket (despite still only being 16!!)

So a great start to the Counties and with two long weekends coming up much more excitement to follow.

Full results are on the Oxon & North Bucks website.

Stuart Mclean