

Gloucester Masters

29th March 2009

Club Performance:

7 swimmers

Tony Davies, Malcolm Wilson, Colin Knowles, Rhys Smith, Mike Battersby, Elaine Harrison, Marie Concannon

33 individual swims

Gold	8
Silver	8
Bronze	7

Individual Performance:

Malcolm Wilson	2 Gold, 3 Silver
Tony Davies	1 Gold, 1 Bronze
Colin Knowles	2 Gold
Rhys Smith	3 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze
Mike Battersby	1 Bronze
Elaine Harrison	2 Silver, 1 Bronze
Marie Concannon	2 Silver, 3 Bronze

Gala details:

By Malcolm Wilson

On the 29 March 2009 seven intrepid members of the squad, a smaller than normal, set off on the annual pilgrimage to compete in the Gloucester Masters Short Course meet.

As usual the completion was hot but the small but perfectly formed team rose majestically to the occasion. Out of 33 swims we had 8 gold medals, 8 silver and 7 bronze - a pretty good strike rate. Surprising customs didn't stop us on the way back into Wales!!

Tony Davies produced a scintillating swim to take first place in the 50 backstroke in a time of 42.25. Rhys Smith again performed at the highest level in a very competitive age group with three firsts out of five events - only in the 50 freestyle did he fail to podium losing out in a blanket finish.

Colin Knowles, the undoubted star, two swims two firsts - it doesn't come any better than this.

Mike Battersby and Malcolm Wilson swam nine events between them Mike picking up a bronze medal in the 100 individual medley, that red hot breaststroke bringing him through the field yet again! Malcolm medalled in every swim with gold in the 100 individual medley in a Welsh Record Time.

But what of the ladies Elaine Harrison and Marie Concannon ensured that the feminine side of the club was more than adequately represented. Elaine, glutton for punishment, entered six events winning two silvers and a bronze a fantastic effort. Marie was swimming in an extremely competitive age group and in five swims won two silvers and three bronzes. The stand out swim being her 50 fly completed in a time of 34.90.

The day was extremely successful and there is no doubt the Cardiff Masters team will be at Gloucester in force in 2010 determined to win more medals and swim personal bests.

Tony Davies	50	BK	00:42.25	1st
Tony Davies	50	BR	00:43.77	5th
Tony Davies	50	Fly	00:38.95	3rd
Tony Davies	100	BR	01:38.64	5th
Tony Davies	100	IM	01:28.27	4th
Malcolm Wilson	50	BK	00:36.50	2nd
Malcolm Wilson	50	BR	00:38.99	1st
Malcolm Wilson	50	Fly	00:33.41	2nd
Malcolm Wilson	100	BK	01:18.21	2nd
Malcolm Wilson	100	IM	01:15.85	1st
Colin Knowles	50	BR	00:57.21	1st
Colin Knowles	100	BR	02:22.49	1st
Rhys Smith	50	FR	00:27.14	5th
Rhys Smith	100	BK	01:09.00	1st
Rhys Smith	100	Fly	01:02.33	1st
Rhys Smith	100	IM	01:08.01	3rd
Rhys Smith	200	FR	02:02.25	1st
Rhys Smith	400	FR	04:26.32	2nd
Mike Battersby	100	Fly	01:28.87	4th
Mike Battersby	100	FR	01:11.81	4th
Mike Battersby	100	IM	01:21.73	3rd
Mike Battersby	400	FR	05:45.30	4th
Elaine Harrison	200	FR	03:04.87	2nd
Elaine Harrison	400	FR	06:25.27	2nd
Elaine Harrison	50	BK	00:48.08	4th
Elaine Harrison	50	Fly	00:51.83	4th
Elaine Harrison	100	BK	01:43.13	3rd
Elaine Harrison	100	IM	01:42.24	5th
Marie Concannon	50	Fly	00:34.90	3rd
Marie Concannon	50	FR	00:32.19	2nd
Marie Concannon	100	BK	01:22.89	3rd
Marie Concannon	100	FR	01:10.49	2nd
Marie Concannon	100	IM	01:24.27	3rd