

Street Swimmers take 'Last Chance' in Plymouth

A strong contingent of Street swimmers took part in the Harwich Cup open meet hosted by Plymouth Leander over the Bank Holiday weekend. Billed as the 'last chance' meet, this was a final opportunity for swimmers to stake a claim for this summer's British or English championships.

Making the most of the opportunity Street star Beth Newton once again showed her championship class winning two Golds (200 free/200 back), silver in the 100 back and a bronze in the 50 backstroke. Newton once again heads off to the national championships and will aim to make a real impact in the back stroke events.

Team mate Kayleigh Parker continued her impressive form this season and also booked her spot in the national finals this summer, grabbing more medals in the process. Gold in the 100 butterfly, 200 breaststroke and 200 medley confirm her in the top bracket of swimmers in the south west. Chloe Edrich was hot on Parkers heels in the 200 breast stroke and also qualified for the British championships.

Also showing her incredible improvement this season Georgia Hill hit the heights reaching finals in the 50 and 200 breast stroke, recording PBs in both and heading off the English nationals as a result. Maisie Banwell also racked up more PBs in the 100 fly, making a strong final and just missing a podium spot with a great swim in 1:09.79 and also made the top 10 in the 50 fly. Banwell just missed out on the summer nationals this year but will be highly fancied to make them next year if her current progress continues.

For the boys, Herbie Hallett bagged himself a superb silver medal in the 200 breast stroke and national qualification, and he also swam a fine 200 freestyle, just missing a medal in 4th place.

One of the Clubs' younger swimmers at the meet, Finlay Hunter-Clarke, bagged a fine bronze medal in the 100 breast stroke, and also bagged top 8 finishes in the 50, 100 & 200 back and 50 free, and alongside him Sam Bonds also continued his excellent season and bagged more PBs in the 50& 100 fly and 50 back, in a very competitive age group.



Other top 10 finishes fell to Liam Williams (50 free), Ethan Difford (50 fly & 100 breast), Jessica Edwards (800 free in a PB 10:10.86), India Cooper (200 free) and Sean Robinson (1500 free). Street swimmers Yasmin Mahey, Leo Willis, Henry Taswell and Charlie Hill all put in good swims over the weekend. A spokesperson for the Club said, "There were some superb results again for our swimmers, and with 6 swimmers qualifying for the British championships, and 5 swimmers making the English nationals this summer the Club has never had a more successful crop of swimmers. A few more narrowly missed out this time but should be encouraged that they are close to making that standard and will hopefully get there next season."