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British Gas ASA Zonal Championships 2012 South

Tom and Dave both achieve their first National Times of 2012

Twenty Maxwell Swimmers headed off to Millfield School in Somerset to compete in the ASA Zonal Championships on 28/29 January 2012. This competition, introduced for the first time in 2011, brings together swimmers from three regions, South West, South East and London into a Zonal Championships. It is a championship competition that sits between Regional & National Level.

Day 1 saw some great swims from the Maxwell squad, most notably from Tom Elgar (16) winning the gold medal in the 100m backstroke junior final and David Witham (13) achieving his national qualifying time (NQT) in the 100m backstroke. Then Craig Gibbons (26) and David Godridge (18) winning gold and silver respectively in the 50m freestyle final, followed by Ollie Brewer (20) swimming well to finish in fourth position in the 100m backstroke senior final. Emily Martin (15) in the 200m freestyle and Caitlin Wheatley (14) 200m Butterfly both achieving 4th place positions and Liam O'Brien (15) reaching the 50m freestyle junior final and coming a respectable 8th place. The rest of the squad all had solid swims.

After the successes on Day 1, the squad was in high spirits for the second day's events. Tom Elgar and David Witham were once again on form with Tom getting his first ever 200m backstroke National Qualifying time (NQT) and David achieving a massive personal best in his 200m backstroke, getting 0.3s close to the NQT, next time!

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Zoe Hancock (13), Rhys Hylands (15), Abbie Haward (15) and Emily Martin on some good pbs and Caitlin Wheatley in the 100m butterfly junior final, gaining a silver medal and NQT, again.

Ollie Brewer on his silver medal for the 200m backstroke.

Adam Burrell, Matthew Nolte (15), Arthur and Freddie Woodcock (15) Alfie Bones (15) and Ronan Denton (15) on their first Zonals.

Anna Evison (17) on her excellent 100m freestyle swim and Corinne James (17) and Kenny Cliffe (16) for working very hard in their respective races. "All in all a very successful Zonal Championships for Maxwell Swim Club", commented Head Coach Kevin Brooks.