



Much Wenlock

Olympian

Masters Gala

15th July 2012

Run as part of the
126th Annual Olympian Games

Run under ASA Laws and Technical Rules
Warm up 11.00 am for 11.30 start.

In Partnership with

 Northgate Swimming Club



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The Olympic Connection

“If the Olympic Games that modern Greece has not yet been able to revive still survives today it is due, not to a Greek, but to Dr William Penny Brookes.”

Baron Coubertin wrote in his obituary to Brookes December 1895.



William Penny Brookes, born in 1809 in Much Wenlock was the principal founding father of the Modern Olympics movement.

After studying medicine in London and Paris Brookes returned to Much Wenlock in 1831 take over his fathers practice. He soon established himself in local life becoming a Justice of the Peace and then becoming Commissioner for Roads and Taxes. Having already set up the Agricultural Reading Society – an early lending library for the ‘*promotion and diffusion of useful information*’ in 1850 he formed the Wenlock Olympian Class. Its objective to hold an annual games to “*promote the moral, physical and intellectual improvement of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Wenlock, and especially of the working classes, by the encouragement of out- door recreation and by the award of prizes annually at public meetings for skill in athletic exercises, and proficiency in intellectual and industrial attainments*”.

The first games were held in Oct 1850, and with some breaks – notably through the two world wars, have continued ever since. Brookes continued to support and pressed for the games to be run at National level with the setting up of the National Olympian Association in 1865 and then at international level with the revival of the International Olympic games in Greece.

In 1890 Baron Coubertin - the organiser of the International Congress on Physical Education, having been invited by Brookes attended the Wenlock games and was impressed by what he saw and gave a glowing account of his stay in Much Wenlock when he returned to France referring to Brookes dream of reviving the Olympic Games in Athens.

Sadly Brookes died in December 1895 just 4 months before his dream – a revived ‘International Olympic Games’ came to fruition.

The Olympian Society - working in Partnership with Northgate Swimming Club who make extensive use of the new pool for training have taken the opportunity to extend swimming into the Annual Olympian Games. Spectator space at the new pool is limited so we are unable to run a traditional open gala, however we are planning a Masters Gala (on the basis that not many Masters bring their parents with them) on the 15th July.

We hope you will join us to take part in this historic event in the year of the London 2012 Olympics.



One of the games more unusual events

The Wenlock 2012 Mascot at the 2010 Wenlock Olympian Games



Promoter's Conditions

1. The event will be called the Much Wenlock Olympian Masters Gala
2. It will be held in the Much Wenlock Leisure Centre Pool
3. It is a 6 lane 25m pool with Anti Wave Lane Ropes
4. The event will be run under ASA rules
5. All competitors must complete the entry form in full. Entries will be accepted on a 1st come 1st served basis, to a maximum of 100 entries or until 30th June 2011 which ever occurs 1st. Entries received after that date will be returned in full.
6. The promoter reserves the right to refuse entry.
7. A swimmer may compete for one club only.
8. Events are seeded on submitted times.
9. The competition will be swum as a cardless event, therefore swimmers are asked to notify the organisers by the 7th July if they intend not to compete.
10. Confirmation of entry will be made available on the Northgate website
11. Swimmers may enter only one distance for each stroke
12. Points will be awarded for each event 1st 7 points, 2nd 6 points, 3rd 5 points, 4th 4 points, 5th 3 points, 6th 2 point. Other finishers will be awarded 1 point.
13. An award will be made to the man and woman achieving most points in each age group
14. In the event of a draw the award will be made to the swimmer with most wins. If that fails to show a clear winner the number of 2nd places will be taken into account – and so on until a clear winner emerges.
15. There will be a trophy awarded to the club achieving most points (to be held for 12 months). Double points will be awarded for relays.
16. Ages will be as at 15th July 2012.
17. Age groups will be

X 18 - 24	A 25 - 29	B 30 - 34	C 35 - 39	D 40 - 44
E 45 - 49	F 50 - 54	G 55 - 59	H 60 - 64	I 65 - 69
J 70 - 74	K 75 - 79	L 80 - 84	M 85 - 89	N 90 - 94

18. Relays will be held in 3 age groups calculated on the combined ages of the 4 swimmers
 - i. 120 – 159 years
 - ii. 169 – 199 years
 - iii. 200 + years
19. Anything not covered in these conditions will be at the discretion of the promoter
20. The promoter of the Much Wenlock Olympian Masters Gala is Richard Hawthorn (Northgate Gala Manager)

Gala Timetable

Warm up starts 11.00am

Provisional Warm up starts 2.00pm *

Session starts at 11.30am

Provisional Session starts at 2.30pm

Session 1

No.	Gender	Distance	Event
1	Male	4 * 25m	Individual Medley
2	Female	25m	Butterfly
3	Male	25m	Backstroke
4	Female	50m	Butterfly
5	Male	50m	Backstroke
6	Female	100m	Butterfly
7	Male	100m	Backstroke
8	Female	25m	Breaststroke
9	Male	25m	Freestyle
10	Female	50m	Breaststroke
11	Male	50m	Freestyle
12	Female	100m	Breaststroke
13	Male	100m	Freestyle
14	Female	4 * 25m	Medley Relay
15	Male	4 * 25m	Medley Relay

Session 2

No.	Gender	Distance	Event
16	Female	4 * 25m	Individual Medley
17	Male	25m	Butterfly
18	Female	25m	Backstroke
19	Male	50m	Butterfly
20	Female	50m	Backstroke
21	Male	100m	Butterfly
22	Female	100m	Backstroke
23	Male	25m	Breaststroke
24	Female	25m	Freestyle
25	Male	50m	Breaststroke
26	Female	50m	Freestyle
27	Male	100m	Breaststroke
28	Female	100m	Freestyle
29	Male	4 * 25m	Freestyle Relay
30	Female	4 * 25m	Freestyle Relay

* subject to entries – Will be confirmed on the Northgate Website shortly after closing date.

www.northgateswimming.co.uk

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Entry Form (Closing Date 30th June)

Name			Male / Female	
Age Group			DoB	
Address			Club	
Post Code			ASA / WASA No	
Telephone			E mail	

Session 1

No.	Gender	Distance	Event	Entry Time
1	Male	4 * 25m	Individual Medley	
2	Female	25m	Butterfly	
3	Male	25m	Backstroke	
4	Female	50m	Butterfly	
5	Male	50m	Backstroke	
6	Female	100m	Butterfly	
7	Male	100m	Backstroke	
8	Female	25m	Breaststroke	
9	Male	25m	Freestyle	
10	Female	50m	Breaststroke	
11	Male	50m	Freestyle	
12	Female	100m	Breaststroke	
13	Male	100m	Freestyle	
14	Female	4 * 25m	Medley Relay	See separate entry form
15	Male	4 * 25m	Medley Relay	

Session 2

No.	Gender	Distance	Event	Entry Time
16	Female	4 * 25m	Individual Medley	
17	Male	25m	Butterfly	
18	Female	25m	Backstroke	
19	Male	50m	Butterfly	
20	Female	50m	Backstroke	
21	Male	100m	Butterfly	
22	Female	100m	Backstroke	
23	Male	25m	Breaststroke	
24	Female	25m	Freestyle	
25	Male	50m	Breaststroke	
26	Female	50m	Freestyle	
27	Male	100m	Breaststroke	
28	Female	100m	Freestyle	
29	Male	4 * 25m	Freestyle Relay	See separate entry form
30	Female	4 * 25m	Freestyle Relay	

Entries £12 per individual regardless of the number of events swum

Masters competitors must be aware of the need of being well prepared and medically fit before entering into Masters competitions.

By entering competitors agree to waive and release FINA, the Organising National Federation and the Organising committee from any kind of liability for accidents, which may cause death, injury or property loss.

I confirm that the details above are correct and that I will abide by the promoter's conditions.

Signed: **Date:**

Entries to Richard Hawthorn. Clovelly Cottage, Homer, Much Wenlock, TF13 6NJ with cheques payable to Northgate Swimming Club.

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Relay Team Entry Form

Club.....

4 * 25m Medley Relay	Ages	Men		Women	
	200+				
	160 - 199				
	120 - 159				

4 * 25m Freestyle Relay	Ages	Men		Women	
	200+				
	160 - 199				
	120 - 159				

Entries £3 per team per event

Please tick the events you wish to enter. You may enter more than one team in each event – but please complete a separate for each team and make sure you give them a separate name – either a name – e.g. Northgate Sharks or a letter e.g. Northgate A.

Contact Name:

Address:

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Tel

E. mail

Closing Date 30th June

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