

Diddy Manager Report for 2013

		Gala Points					League Points				
	DIVISION 2	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Blythe Barracudas A	248	236	252	234	970	6	6	6	6	24
2	Northampton B	232	244	259	185	920	6	6	6	5	23
3	Hinckley	225	259	215	172	871	5	6	6	4	21
4	Welshpool Sharks	227	202	216	169	814	6	5	5	3	19
5	Rugby	198	216	204	156	774	4	5	5	2	16
6	Market Harborough	224	173	222	139	758	6	3	6	1	16
7	Cheadle	192	211	187		403	5	5	3		13
8	Lichfield	168	223	161		391	3	6	4		13
9	Orion	185	199	190		384	4	4	4		12
10	Walsall	153	187	188		340	2	5	5		12
11	Coalville	193	174	167		367	5	4	2		11
12	Oswestry Otters	166	196	168		362	4	4	3		11
13	Leicester Sharks B	155	185	189		340	3	4	4		11
14	Wombourne	171	168	185		339	3	2	5		10
15	Dove Valley	172	156	142		328	4	3	2		9
16	Burntwood	130	175	155		305	2	3	4		9
17	Droitwich Dolphins	181	106	156		287	5	1	3		9
18	Shrewsbury	166	155	144		321	3	3	1		7
19	Worcester B	139	133	147		272	2	2	2		6
20	Boldmere B	107	148	152		255	1	2	3		6
21	Perry Beeches & SSS	141	103	136		244	1	1	2		4
22	Wellington A	133	110	133		243	1	2	1		4
23	Broadway	141	95	124		236	2	1	1		4
24	Haden Hill	98	117	74		215	1	1	1		3

Nuneaton and District League

13th April 2013 – Round 1

1st Place

11th May 2013 – Round 2

4th Place

22th June 2013 – Round 3

1st Place

Achieved 6th position in League Division 2 – Guaranteeing a place in the final

14th Sept 2013 – Final

6th Place

*Winners of the Best Turned Out Club Award – voted by judges

Other Gala's attended

15th June 2013 – Birley Trophy Gala

2nd Place

7th Sept 2013 – Nuneaton Diddy Gala

7th Place

What a brilliant year 2013 has been for the Market Harborough Swimming Club Diddies and for Market Harborough Swimming Club.

The grass roots to our club the Diddies are growing very well indeed and this year has shown just how well they are coming on by the fabulous result of 6th place in a very tough league – The Nuneaton and District League Division 2. The general behaviour and attitude of all the swimmer's has been brilliant and there has been a good display of outstanding swims and overall good sporting behaviour poolside.

Making the final this year was great and uplifting, I felt very proud to have been escorting the team and parents to the final. The organising is always tricky as most has to be done over the holiday period. Bags, tops and tickets amongst other things but pleasantly surprised to pick up the Best Turned Out Club Award and conciliation for coming 6th place in a very tough final draw, made even harder due to injuries.

The Birley Gala in June, possibly my favourite gala of this season. A great gala to be present at with the result swinging between us and Coalville SC. Unfortunately, it went Coalville's way but what a fight we gave, winning most of the last events – very exciting.

The Nuneaton Gala in September – in stark contrast my least favourite gala. Very stressful poolside as had to cope with no shows and last minute illnesses/injuries and the level of competition was too high for a novice team to deal with – Strongly suggest pulling out of this fixture in the future as we gain very little from this gala.

A little moan to the parents, please note we arrive as a team and should end the gala as a team. There is nothing worse than having an exciting finish to a gala (last canon) watched by myself and Val, as the remaining team have disappeared. Parents please try to imagine how busy we are getting your children to their races and being faced with 100 plus questions “Can I go to the toilet” “Can I go to the showers” “Can I go and get changed”. Above all else here, there is a safety issue as the changing rooms are not supervised and the general public have access to the changing rooms. Unfortunately, we live in a society where experience now tells us that unsavoury opportunists might well be lurking. There have been reported incidents in changing villages where children have been approached. Is that extra 5-10 minutes really worth it?

A very special thanks to my trustee partner in crime Val Dunton - with her calm, organised support at gala's and training, I really don't know how I would have coped. Thank you for giving up your weekends, evening etc.. I really appreciate your support and can't thank you enough.

Thanks also to Dave for his support with the ever popular team selection and his up to date information on the swimmers PB's. Not an easy task to do as after every gala or open meet there is a lot of information to input and he does it so quickly and without noise but parents please realise without his hard work the job of selecting would be very difficult, if not impossible. Well done Dave, you're doing a grand job with very little thanks.

Another special thank you to the new all-rounder superman himself Aide Wellicome, is there no end to your talents? Timekeeper, Poolside Helper, Recorder, Website Genius to name but a few.

And thank you to all the parents who have risen to the challenge and helped poolside, timekeeping, judging, official organising and to our famous Starter and Ref team - Sue and David Lander.

Thanks also to the parents for their support and of course to the children themselves. Keep swimming!!😊

Liz Weller