

The first fixture of the new swimming season saw mixed fortunes for the Harborough teams, competing in the Leicestershire ASA inter club relays competition at the Braunstone leisure centre. The boys team had a convincing victory taking the division 2 title and with it the A.Marks trophy and promotion to division 1. The girl's team, despite swimming well, could only manage a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the division 1 gala, which resulted in relegation.

The boys team secured a total of four wins from their nine races. The pick of the bunch were the open men's team consisting of Theo Brogan, Tony Cole, Mark Kendall and Harry Waddington who easily won both of their races. A strong 15/u quartet of Josh Bott, Kieran Flint, James Marston and Oliver Tremlett picked up second and third place finishes in their freestyle and medley races respectively. The 13/u team of Alec Gibbs, Charlie Poole and Josh Wellicome found their opposition a little tougher, finishing third in the medley relay with the help of Jay Newman and fourth in freestyle with Ben Bekavac. The 11/u team of Bekavac, Newman, Tom Wainwright and Ben Wellicome were dominant in their freestyle race taking the victory and were just out touched to finish second in the medley. The night was capped off with a fantastic win in the canon relay.

Life in the division 1 gala was a lot tougher for the girls competing against the strongest clubs in the county. The highest placed finishes came from the ladies open team consisting of Alice Boyd, Georgina Gearing Bell, Nicola James and Candice Hall who picked up fourth in the free and fifth in the medley with the help of Olivia Weller. The 15/u team of Hall, Weller and Lauren Bekavac also managed a fifth place finish in the medley with the help of Grace Bolton and sixth in the free with Emily Kendall. The 11/u team of Kendall, Mia Poole, Rebecca Samandi and Georgia Weller, along with the 13/u team of Bolton, Lara Haynes, Crissie Hall and Ellie Johnson, despite swimming close to their best couldn't make any impression on their opposition.

Division 1 Girls; Penguins A 67, Sharks A 60. Braunstone A 55, Penguins B 37, Coalville 35, Sharks B 25, Market Harborough 23 & Melton Mowbray 20.

Division 2 Boys; Market Harborough 54, Coalville 43, Hinckley B 37, Sharks B 36, Neptune 32, Shepshed 31, Oadby & Wigston 13.