

The Braunstone Novice Diddy swimming gala came down to the wire with just one point separating the top three teams. Harborough found the pace just a little too hot to handle finishing fifth overall, which was good performance from a team missing a number of key swimmers due to the half term holidays.

In the youngest 9/u age group Adam Stewart had a successful evening by taking victory in the boys 25m freestyle in a new pb time. Lydia Bell had a fantastic debut swim in the 25m backstroke just narrowly missing out on victory to finish second. Also making their debuts for the team were Harry Taylor, who finished 4th in the corresponding boys backstroke race, Rhianna Pyne who showed some incredible speed in her relay swims and real promise for the future and James Coxson in the 11/u freestyle.

The 10/u age group was Harborough's most successful on the night. Ebony Goddard won the 25m breaststroke, in emphatic style, which was followed by team mates Mia Poole and Lexi Moakes in the 25m freestyle. The trio combined with Rebecca Samandi to win the freestyle relay and finish second in the medley relay. In the Boys 10/u John Green continued to improve his freestyle pb being rewarded in the process with a joint first placing. There were also two personal best swims from Tom Merryweather in the 11/u freestyle and breast stroke, Hannah Stewart (breaststroke), Michael Colyer (free), Ellie Buxton (breaststroke) and Lois Vye (free).

Result: 1st Swadlincote (218), 2nd equal Coalville and Braunstone A (217), 4th Leicester Neptune (214), 5th Harborough (166), 6th Melton (117), 7th Oadby & Wigston (92) and 8th Braunstone B (76).