

The 2013 swimming calendar kicked off with Market Harborough competing in the first round of the Leicester and District Winter League. The A team promoted at the end of last season to division one enjoyed a home gala whilst the B team competing in division two travelled to Enderby.

The A team had a solid start to their league campaign finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the gala just 2 points behind Wellingborough and 3 points ahead of Sharks 'B', in what turned out to be a very tight and well fought competition. All round, there were some great performances, the highlight of the evening was the 11/u boys team of Ben Bekavac, Tom Merryweather, Jay Newman and Alex Nicholson. They absolutely destroyed some of the best teams in the county finishing almost a length ahead in both of their relays. Individual wins also went to Olivia Weller (15/u breast stroke) and Jay Newman (11/u fly). There were a total of 9 personal best times recorded from Ben Bekavac, Josh Bott, Alice Boyd, Ebony Goddard, Jay Newman, Alex Nicholson, Charlie Poole (2) and Oliver Tremlett. A special mention also for Josh Bott who took over 3s off his 100m freestyle pb and then broke 30's in the final 50m freestyle leg of the 15/u Medley relay for the first time.

Gala Results:- Leicester Penguins 'A' 275, Leicester Penguins 'B' 213, Wellingborough 'A' 150, Market Harborough 'A' 148, Leicester Sharks 'B' 145 & Melton 'A' 133

Harborough B team continued their recent improvement despite a lack of regular team swimmers. The 11/u backstroke saw Harborough take a clean sweep with wins from Jenna Richards and Frankie Aldridge. The teams other individual victories came from Harry Clarke and George Robinson in the 15/u and open 100m freestyle respectively. There were impressive B team debut swims in the 11/u boys from both John Green and Joel Murphy and in the 15/u girls from Rebecca Giles. There was also a welcome return to the team from Nissy Cheema. There were also 8 additional personal best times from Tony Cole, Thomas Dyson, Georgina Gearing-Bell, Rebecca Giles, Alistair Gordon, Charlotte Lewis, Joel Murphy and Sonny To.

Gala Results; Leicester Neptune 'A' 247, Rushden 242, Leicester Sharks 'D' 168, Market Harborough 'B' 163 & Loughborough 'B' 121