

Record books rewritten by Harborough swimmers

The first weekend of the annual Market Harborough swimming club championships witnessed five club records being broken, despite a number of the clubs stronger swimmers not competing, due to an unfortunate fixture clash. The intrepid team of eight swimmers, who competed at the City of Leicester distance meet ensured their efforts didn't go unnoticed by breaking a further 15 club records between them.

At the club championships it was the younger swimmers who left their mark on the record books. In the 8/u age group Rhianna Pyne and Harry Taylor both broke their own 25m fly records which they had only set in September. Eloise Garner swimming in her first ever competition showed some real promise by setting a new club best time for the 8/u 100m individual medley. Rebecca Samandi showed real strength and determination to set new best times in both the 100m breast and free events in the 9-10 age group.

The City of Leicester distance meet started well for the Harborough swimmers with Josh Wellicome (11-12yr) and Olivia Weller (15/o) taking a liking to longer distance events setting new club bests for the 1500 and 800m freestyle events respectively. Weller also took a bronze in the 200m breast. Candice Hall (15/o) had a busy and very successful weekend taking gold in the 200m free, 200 and 400m IM, three silvers and along the way set six new club records. Charlie Poole (11-12) also kept himself busy setting five new records and taking a bronze in the 400m IM. Jay Newman (11-12) took bronze and a new record in the 200m breast. The final record breaker of the meet was Mia Poole who established a new best time for the 9-10yr 200m IM.

Winners of the age category events:-

Girls backstroke; Rhianna Pyne (8/u), Mia Featon (9's), Rebecca Samandi (10's), Ellie Johnson (11-12), Lauren Bekavac (13-14) & Olivia Weller (15/o).

Boys Backstroke; Harry Taylor (8/u), Nathan Allen (9's), Ben Wellicome (10's), Josh Wellicome (11-12), Oliver Tremlett (13-14) & Harry Waddington (15/o).

Girls Fly; Rhianna Pyne (8/u), Rebecca Samandi (10's), Emily Kendall (11-12), Lauren Bekavac (13-14) & Olivia Weller (15/o).

Boys Fly; Harry Taylor (8/u), Nathan Allen (9's), Ben Wellicome (10's), Jay Newman (11-12), Alec Gibbs (13-14) & Harry Waddington (15/o).

Girls 100m individual medley; Eloise Garner (8/u), Rebecca Samandi (10's), Emily Kendall (11-12), Lauren Bekavac (13-14) & Olivia Weller (15/o).

Girls open; 100m free 1st Olivia Weller, 2nd Lauren Bekavac, 3rd Emily Kendall. 100m Breaststroke 1st Olivia Weller, 2nd Emily Kendall, 3rd Maria Radoja

Boys open; 100m free 1st Harry Waddington, 2nd Tom Tonge 3rd Kieran Flint. 100m Breaststroke 1st Tom Tonge, 2nd Mark Kendall, 3rd Oliver Tremlett.