

The biggest crowd in a number of years turned out at the Harborough leisure centre to watch the Market Harborough diddy swimming team get their calendar year off to a perfect start taking victory in the "Where's Nemo?" gala. Held annually the gala is the first opportunity for many of the younger 9/u swimmers to wear the famous silver and black colours and represent their local club. This very enjoyable gala always produces a close result and this year was no exception. Harborough Black were trailing a strong team from Rugby for the majority of the gala. It was the experience and dominance of the older age group swimmers that shone through in the end winning the last four individual races and then capping the gala off by winning five of the last ten relay races.

In the younger age groups the girls 9/u Harborough Black team of Sophie Barney, Eloise Garner, Rhianna Pyne and Alice Shaw were the class act winning their freestyle relay and finishing second in the medley relay. Their boys counterparts of Isaac Kanjurs, Harry Potter Taylor, Jamie Pyle and Joe Tremlett put in two solid relay performances with Potter Taylor also taking a well deserved individual victory in the backstroke. The 9/u Harborough Silver teams of Mia Hold, Zoe Morgan Williams, Thea Richards and Sasha Vye, along with Samuel Buxton, Hal Eastwood, Samuel Shaw and Noah Styles all put in good strong performances.

Both teams were supported by a fantastic turnout of the clubs young swimmers, who whilst just too old to swim in the diddy's, showed great team spirit by acting as poolside helpers for their younger club mates, which was fully appreciated.

Gala Results:- Harborough Black 234, Rugby 223, Neptune Leicester 204, Leicester Sharks 153, Daventry Dolphins 127 & Harborough Silver 80.