

The Leicester and District winter swimming league kicked off with solid performances for the Harborough teams, who both finished fourth in their respective gala's.

Harborough A had a home gala in which they managed three individual and two relay wins, which really does highlight the strength and class of the opposition they faced in their division 1 fixture. This was exemplified by Ewan Ronald, making a welcome return to the Harborough club after a couple of year's absence. Ronald swimming in the 100m individual medley and 100m fly smashed both club open records and yet amazingly was still beaten in both races.

In the 11/u boys Ben Wellicome continues to improve with each gala taking victory, with a super fast time, in the 50m freestyle. Wellicome was joined by Nathan Allen, John Green and Frankie Aldridge to win their medley relay. Swimming up into the older 13/u age group he was joined by older brother Josh, Ben Bekavac and Jay Newman to claim yet another victory in their medley relay. Bekavac and Newman made it a good night for the younger boys by also winning their individual freestyle and breaststrokes events respectively.

The girls found the going a little tougher. There were however some great personal best times recorded, in particular from Betty To (back), Lexi Moakes (fly), Rebecca Samandi (free), Georgia Weller (fly), Olivia Weller (individual medley) and also making a great return to the club Josie Ronald in breast stroke.

Gala Results:- Leicester Penguins 'A' 284, Leicester Penguins 'B' 195, Etwall Eagles 183, Market Harborough 'A' 165, Leicester Penguins 'C & 'Leicester Sharks 'C' 105

Harborough B team competed well in their division 2 gala at Wellingborough. Joel Murphy appears to be making a habit of winning this time taking victory in the 11/u freestyle. Murphy was also part of the relay team that produced the highest place finish of the evening, taking a second place with the help of Toby Ingram, Adam Stewart and Harry Taylor. Whilst wins were hard to come by personal best performances weren't with eight recorded from Lydia Bell, Maya Butler Davies, James Merryweather, Charlotte Lewis, Alec Gibbs, Oliver Tremlett, Freya Johnson and Rosie Tremlett.

Gala Results:- Rushden 209, Leicester Neptune 'A' 175, Wellingborough 'B' 153, Market Harborough 'B' 96 & Kettering 'B' 87