Napton pulled off an amazing double when both the Brownies and the Guides became Champions at Girlguiding Leamington’s swimming gala at Newbold Comyn pool, Leamington, on Saturday 6th February 2016.  “The Brownies absolutely loved taking part in the Gala and it was made even better by winning the trophy – we had never won silverware before!” said a delighted Rosie Coombe, Napton Brownie Leader.  Their efforts were rewarded by a second trophy as Napton Brownies also won the Brownie Relay Cup.

Southam District has consistently succeeded in recent years. Harbury Guides, Champions for the last 3 years, kept up their good record by being placed second this year, and 3rd Southam were winners of the Guide Relay Cup.  “They seem to have the secret of success around Southam” said Gala organiser Cathy Thorpe, Leamington Division Commissioner, as she congratulated the girls on their superb swimming. Cathy praised everyone for a very sporting evening when all participants lived up to their Girlguiding Promise to do their best both in the water and cheering on all swimmers regardless of the friendly rivalry.  Eshika Agarwal, a Dale Street Brownie, was one of many girls taking the chance to swim in a Gala for the first time. She said “It was fun. I was nervous before the race and proud of myself afterwards.”

Only 3rd Leamington St Mary Magdalene Brownies were able to stop all the trophies heading towards Southam District, and did extremely well to win the Brownie ‘Try Again Trophy’ as Brownie Runners Up – urging them to clinch that top spot for one of the Leamington town Districts next year.