

HYTHE AQUA PRESENTATION EVENING 2016
Held on the 14th January 2017 at the Tin Tabernacle, Hythe



Hythe Aqua's 40th annual awards evening.

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending our awards evening

Well 2016 could certainly be described as interesting. I think we had more time with a closed pool than an open pool. Hopefully, 2017 will be better and we are informed that our pool will reopen on the 23rd January. I have to say thank you to Folkestone Sports Centre Trust Management who helped us by finding some pool time for most of our sections, because nothing else was on offer anywhere.

However, despite the problems of 2016 the club did enjoy some success. We are here tonight to celebrate yet another successful Hythe Aqua year and to share in the success of all the prize-winners. Tonight we will be presenting the medals won in the Championships and also presenting the annual awards for all the other sections of the club. .

Moving on firstly to the competitive swimming age group awards. Our competitive swimmers have had a successful season despite the lack of training with qualifiers at all levels. We have an excellent and growing coaching team under the direction of our Head Swimming Coach Tim Wiseman, who all spend many hours, coaching and preparing sessions. We also have an excellent and poolside gala team led by Kim that needs more volunteers.

Tim has asked me to read a few words on his behalf; *“Unfortunately, our enforced break continues, but fingers crossed back in our own pool soon. It’s a shame we have missed so much training after a very successful Club Champs. Headlines for this year were a stunning 85 new personal bests and some very close racing across the age groups at the club championships.*

It was great to see some regular faces still winning but even better to see some new ones coming through and all improving their times. Most encouraging of all was the quality and number of swimmers that joined from the clubs teaching groups, and all loving racing in front of a cheering crowd. We, as club, need to encourage this, a passionate racing environment not the sterile, dull experience our swimmers are getting at Open Meets.

With the pool being shut I hope you managed a bit of cross training; running, cycling, walking, anything will help as we head towards East Invicta & Kent Championships. Once back in the pool we will try and build on the basics again; stamina, stroke quality & speed. We will aim to increase our 121 feedback to swimmers this year, increasing their focus high on what they are actually trying to achieve. Thanks as ever to all the helpers and volunteers that keep the club going.

Thanks Tim”

8 YEARS & Under

The swimming age group presentations start with the 8yrs and under. Some of these talented youngsters are from the Teaching Groups and swam excellently during the championships, with some of them competing for the first time.

Rosie Aireton-Brown- Bronze in 25m Backstroke

Emily Roberts – Silver medal in 25m Freestyle

Grace McCarthy – Bronze medal in 25m Freestyle & Silver in Backstroke

Katie Oliver- Champion in 25m Freestyle, Butterfly, Breaststroke and Backstroke

9/10YEARS GIRLS

Sophie Mills – Bronze Medal in 50m Butterfly & Breaststroke

Emma Howes- Lawrence – Silver medal in 50m Butterfly, Champion in 50m Freestyle & 50 m Backstroke

Eleanor Cameron-Brookbank – Bronze Medal in 50m Freestyle & Backstroke

Chloe Voyle – Silver Medal in 50m Breaststroke

Sandra Vroemen – Silver Medal in 50m Freestyle & Backstroke, Champion in 50m Butterfly, Breaststroke

9/10 YEARS BOYS

Oliver Edmunds – Bronze Medal in 50m Breaststroke

Buddy Wiseman – Bronze Medal in 50 m Butterfly and Champion in 50m Freestyle

Rudi Mingo – Bronze Medal in 50m Freestyle & Backstroke

Herbie Stewart – Silver Medal in 50m Butterfly & Freestyle & Champion in 50m Breaststroke & Backstroke.

Harry Oakes – Silver Medal in 50 m Breaststroke & Backstroke, Champion in 50m Butterfly

11/12 YEARS

Eleanor Fox – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly & Freestyle

Emma Calvo – Silver Medal in 100 m Butterfly ,Freestyle & Backstroke & Champion in 100m Breaststroke

Lucy-Mai Helliwell – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke, Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Amelia Priestley – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke & Champion in 100m Butterfly & Freestyle & Backstroke

Samuel Thorpe - Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Matthew Holman – Bronze medal in 100m Backstroke & Butterfly and Freestyle

Rico Newman-Morgan – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke & Freestyle and Champion in 100m Backstroke & Butterfly

Ben Mills – Silver Medal in 100m Backstroke & Butterfly, Champion in 100m Breaststroke & Freestyle

13/14 YEARS

Abbie Oakes – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Isabel Goldsmith – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke, Butterfly & Freestyle

Ellis Stewart – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke & Backstroke & Butterfly & Freestyle

Evie Wood – Champion in 100m Breaststroke & Backstroke & Butterfly & Freestyle

Jack Nash – Bronze medal in 100m Breaststroke & Backstroke & Freestyle and Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly

Marcus Williamson – Bronze Medal in 100 m Butterfly, Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke,

Leon Santer -Silver Medal in 100m Backstroke, Champion in 100m Butterfly & Freestyle

Tristan Calvo – Silver Medal in 100m Freestyle and Champion in 100m Breaststroke & Backstroke

15/16 YEARS

Jessica Helliwell – Bronze medal in 100m Breaststroke & Backstroke, Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly. Champion in 100m Freestyle

Madeleine Pettit – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly & Freestyle **and** Silver in 100m Breaststroke

Daisy Tanner – Silver Medal in 100m Freestyle and Champion in 100m Backstroke & Butterfly

Emily Chambers – Silver medal in 100m Backstroke and Champion in 100m Breaststroke

Nathaniel Parmenter – Bronze medal in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke and Freestyle, Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly

Saul Owen – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke & Freestyle

Finn Wood – Champion in 100m Breaststroke and Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle

Finn also set a new club record in the 100m Butterfly breaking a record that has stood for many years.

OPEN AGE GROUP AWARDS 100m Events

Evie Wood - Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke & Backstroke, Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly & Freestyle

Emily Chambers – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Amelia Priestley – Silver medal in 100m Backstroke

Daisy Tanner – Bronze medal in 100m Butterfly

Ellis Stewart – Bronze Medal in 100m Freestyle

Grace Walker – Champion in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly & Freestyle

Leon Santer – Bronze medal in 100m Butterfly

Finn Wood - Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Champion in 100m Backstroke, Freestyle & Butterfly

Saul Owen – **Silver medal in 100m Freestyle and** Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke & Backstroke

Ben Walker – Bronze medal in 100m Freestyle and Silver Medal in 100m Backstroke & Butterfly , Champion in 100m Breaststroke

Water Polo Awards

“Despite the pool closures the Junior section has thrived with numbers staying high and there has been considerable success both at club level, county and Inter-regional competitions for players.

Toby Masray had trials for Junior GB and has played for both SE Region and Kent as have Jess and Lucy Helliwell. Leon Santer, James Croud, Tom Broadbridge, and William Cavanagh all represented SE Region recently. The Hythe U/14 team played extremely well in the Sean King Trophy competition to come 2nd, whilst in the Kent Festival Hythe were mini polo champions and runners up in the 14/U competition.

Thank you to Jim Burch and Helen Oakes for all their coaching and support and to Diana Ward, Lois Newman, Jamie Bailey and Matthew for stepping in when we are busy. Also thank you to all those parents who help with equipment and admin. It is all much appreciated.

The Senior section have also been well supported with the joint Shepway sessions being very popular. The Shepway A team finished 2nd in the Kent Senior League and the younger players have gained valuable match experience in the B team supported by some older players – Kim Walker”.

JUNIOR WATER POLO MERIT AWARDS:-

William Cavanagh
Harry Oakes
Matthew Holman

- **Most Improved Junior – Tom Broadbridge**
- **Junior Player – James Croud**
- **The next award - Ladies Player – Abbie Oakes and Ellis Stewart**
- **Most Deserving Player - Toby Masray)**
- **Senior Player of the Year – William Crouch)**
- **The final polo award - Senior Men’s Player’s Player – Jamie Leppard**

Synchronised Swimming Awards

“2016 finished on a high for the synchro section, with the Multi Regional Age Groups, Kent Championships and National Age Groups within a few weeks of each other. At all competitions and exams entered throughout the year, Hythe Aqua swimmers have come away with individual figure medals and consistently good exam results.

We now have 34 registered members, with all swimmers participating in the County Championships in November. Hythe came away with individual figure medals in all sections, team medals for all 4 teams entered (Golds for the 13-15 Free Team, the 19&Under Combination Team and the 12&U Combination Team, and a Bronze for the 10&U Combination Team). Betsey Bowden won the Best Newcomer and Madelyn Pramen the Most Improved Swimmer at the County Champs. As a club we also scooped the Top Club award for the 3rd year running.

Hythe took two teams to the National Age Groups in Gloucester in December, the 13-15 Free Team and the 19&U Combination Team.

We had 6 swimmers qualified for the competitive figures event, and the 6 girls performed well, with Allana Winstanley qualifying for the South East Regional Squad 2017 based on her

results. The 13-15 Team finished in 11th place out of a tough category of 17 and the 19&U Combination Team finished in 5th place – so some brilliant results for the club. Back at the beginning of January we took part in 100 Sports for 100 Days for Sports Relief, and received acknowledgement from the National Committee for raising the profile of the sport. Since then we have also been taking part in taster sessions with swimming clubs around the county to raise the profile of synchronised swimming.

Erica would like to thank the Club Committee for their continued support of the synchro section, and also a big thankyou to my coaching team, who give up time week after week to help the girls achieve their goals – Erica Moo”.

Synchronised Swimming Section

Synchro Awards

Merit Awards:

**Ruby Stonestreet
Daisy Cooke
Stevie Redman
Suzanna Byles**

**Newcomer of the Year – Lucy Horton
Attendance – Suzannah Turner
Laura B Trophy – Olivia Ellis
Performer of the Year – Amy Bondzio
Swimmer of the Year – Allana Winstanely
Most Improved. – Jessica Ellis
Contribution to the Club Award – Juliet Bondzio**

Club Special Awards

It is recognised that many squad swimmers do not win medals and sometimes do not receive the success that their hard work deserves. They train hard and deserve recognition for their efforts. The Club Coach has therefore awarded Merit Awards to the following:

Junior Squad Merit Awards:

**Daniel Baigent
Chloe Voyle
William Fuller**

Now the East Invicta and East Kent Swimming Championships Winners Trophies for 2016. Club swimmers enjoyed great success at this years championships

**Highest point scorer at the recent East Invicta Championships – Finn Wood
Highest point scorer of the opposite sex was – Amelia Priestley**

Well done to all our competitors that qualified for and swam in the East Invicta championships

The Kent Trophy awarded to the clubs highest point scorer at the Kent Swimming Championships. As many of you know it is hard to qualify for Kent's and even harder to compete against all the Kent and some south London clubs, this year the Kent Trophy is awarded to:- Amelia Priestley

SE Region Trophy is another step up the competitive ladder and club swimmers from East Kent compete as part of the East Invicta Excel Team and the clubs highest points scorer this years is : Finn Wood

Next we have the Senior Squad trophy. This is awarded by the Head Club Swimming Coach and is about contribution and support to the swimming programme. Hard work in training, setting an example and commitment to hard work. The Senior Squad trophy this year goes to a swimmer who has improved enormously during the season. The 2016 Most Improved Senior squad trophy this year has been awarded to: **Eleanor Priestley**

Next we have the Junior Squad Shields. The Junior Squad Coaches make this award after reviewing performances throughout the year. This year we have two winners who have worked hard whilst in the Junior Development Squad and have shown great commitment to training. The winners this year are:

Rico Newman-Morgan & Sandra Vroemen

Lastly, we have the National Trophy. As club members saw earlier club members have done some fantastic charity fundraising this year but there is a group that have taken this to another level. They trained regularly in the sea and pool in all weathers over increasingly difficult conditions. They had a false start when a gale halted their first attempt and when they started they swam through jellyfish, rough weather and turning tides and raised an amazing £7,040 for a pancreatic cancer charity. They also set the fastest four-man channel crossing of 2016, which given the poor conditions was a great achievement.

The National Trophy for 2016 is awarded to our Cross Channel Swim Team:

Jason Ransley, Paul Hancock, Greg Wood & Stuart Parris

The last Presentation of the Evening was the East Invicta Masters Trophy that Hythe Masters won at the East Invicta Masters Championships earlier in the year. Past President of East Invicta David Staveley presented the **East Invicta Masters Trophy to Club President Wendy Wiseman on behalf of the Hythe Aqua Masters Section.**

That is the end of the formal presentations and well done to everyone that won an award, also a big well done to all those that competed to the best of their ability and helped to raise the standard of competition. A very big thank you to the Club Social Committee Sonya and friends for all their hard work organising tonight.

I would like to congratulate all our members on their performances throughout the year, their commitment to training and the club and wish you every success in the future. I don't need to remind you that Hythe Aqua is a voluntary organisation that is run and administered by 40+ teachers, coaches, officials and administrators. Many of these individuals give up many hours of their time to teach, coach, manage accounts, carry out admin tasks etc, some of

them have done this for many years. Quite simply without all the work of these people there would be no club – can you please show your support for these individuals who turn up week after week for you in the normal way.

Thanks for your attention

Jim Parris

Chairman

Hythe Aqua Swimming Club
