

## Harvill Memorial Gala, Sheerness



Hythe Aqua travelled to Sheerness on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March evening to compete in the Harvill Memorial Gala against five other Kent teams; Sheerness SC, Sittingbourne and Milton, Faversham, Herne Bay and Larkfield.

The evening started with the exciting 12x25m Breaststroke Squadron Relay with Hythe finishing a respectable fourth place.

Each race was either 25m or 50m so the evening was fast paced and some swimmers hardly had time to rest between swims.

All Hythe swimmers gave 110% in their races. Some of the more notable swims came from: Georgie Dedman 50 Fly 0:17 1<sup>st</sup>, Emma Yates 25m Fly 2<sup>nd</sup>, Evelyne Carter 13yrs 50 free 1<sup>st(pb)</sup>, Evie Wood 16yrs 50m free 2<sup>nd</sup>, Emma Howes Lawrence 10yrs 25m Fly 2<sup>nd</sup> 0:20:47, Ellis Stewart 12yrs free 1<sup>st</sup>, Marcus Williamson 50m Breast 2<sup>nd</sup>, Toby Yemm 13yrs 50m free 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joe Robinson 14yrs 50 free 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Despite being very short of swimmers and some of the swimmers having to swim up several age groups, Hythe managed to hang on to fourth place for most of the evening, unfortunately, we dropped down into fifth place in the end, missing out on fourth by just twelve points.

The Final event of the evening was the most exciting, the 12x25m freestyle squadron relay. Emma, Buddy, Emma Y, Matthew, Isabel, Georgie, Ellis, Joe, Evelyne, Toby, Evie and Tom Really pulled this one out of the bag! Hythe went from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and back to 3<sup>rd</sup> during the race- proper nail biting stuff!



The team were: Emma Howes Lawrence, Buddy Wiseman, Matthew Holman, Isabel Goldsmith, Georgie Dedman, Ellis Stewart, William Dixon, Evie Wood, Marcus Williamson, Evelyn Carter, Tom Dixon, Emma Yates, Toby Yemm, Joe Robinson.

A note from Gavin, Kevin and Martin:

We would like to thank you all for your impeccable behaviour during the gala; the team spirit was fantastic and the support you showed for your fellow team mates was second to none. You all swam really hard and we cannot ask more of you than that, everyone gave it their all and we didn't get any disqualifications – Brilliant! You should all be very proud of yourselves.