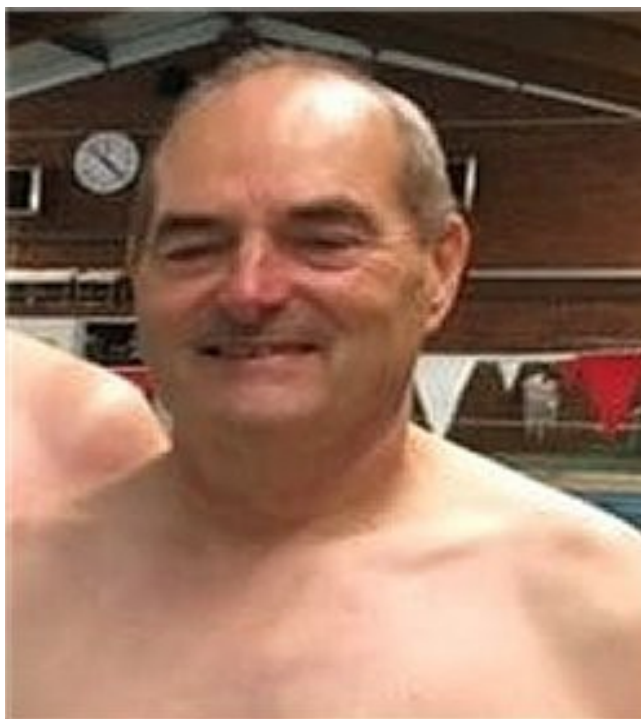


HYTHE AQUA MASTERS AT KENT CHAMPIONSHIPS



A small team from Hythe Aqua contested Part1 (distance events) of the Kent Masters Championships which were held as part of the Erith Masters Gala in mid-May. Although only 5 Hythe swimmers competed they all met with success and gained valuable points which will be added to the scores at the main championships to be held in July. It is hoped that a full team from Hythe Aqua will be able to swim at this Part 2 of the annual championships.

Pride of place at this month's event went to Tom Richardson competing in the 60 – 64 year age group despite suffering from a significant shoulder injury. Tom's efforts gained him first place in the 1500m and second place in the 800m freestyle. Also swimming freestyle in the same age group, Nick Crew gained a third in the 400m and 6th in the 200m. Swimming in the women's events – Maureen Fakely (85 – 89 years) won the 200m backstroke and the 200m Breaststroke, both in Kent record time. Also Donna Wickens won the 200m Individual Medley – again in Kent record time.

The remaining Kent gold medals were won by David Staveley in Kent record time in the 200m Backstroke, 200 Breaststroke and 400m Freestyle. He also came first in the 200m Freestyle although his time was well outside the Kent record.

Out of the ten Kent masters clubs competing at these championships, the performances of the small Hythe team gained them a commendable fourth place overall.

Well done to all