

# HYTHE AQUA PRESENTATION EVENING 2018

Held on the 30 November 2018 at the Folkestone Rugby Club.



Hythe Aqua's 42<sup>nd</sup> annual awards evening.

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending our 42nd Hythe Aqua awards evening. Presenting our awards tonight are our Club President, Wendy Wiseman and our special guest tonight is Richard Gamble, an ex-club member who you may have seen on TV recently winning silver and bronze medals at the Invictus Games down in Sydney – well done Richard

Our first presentation tonight is the Swim School Teaching Group Merit awards. We have well over 100 youngsters in our learn to swim programme ranging from the learner pool to pre squad level, with progress based on the National Plan for Teaching. The club teachers have nominated the following for merit awards:

Swim School Teaching Group Merit Awards:-

Nathaniel Lewis   Chloe Malcolm   Emily Weedon  
Maya Gould   Ira Jones

Now moving onto the Competitive Swimming Awards:

This year's Sprint and Main Club Championships produced some excellent results from Hythe Squad & Swimschool swimmers with lots of PB's and some excellent competitive races. Many of our swimmers have been selected to represent the District as part of the Shepway Swimming Club teams in both the National Arena league gala's and the Kent Junior League and thank you to those swimmers who have made themselves available and swam well against some very tough competition. It is great to see many squad swimmers taking advantage of all the pool training time available at Hythe, training hard in all their sessions and so achieving some excellent times and results. During 2019 we have an excellent Junior Squad showing considerable potential and we will be increasing the competitive focus of the swimming squads and looking forward to even better results next year.

Special Thanks must go to Tim Wiseman our Head Coach, Kim Walker our Team Manager and all our squad coaches and officials who give up many hours of their own time each week so that your sons/daughters can train or compete for the Club.

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

### 8 YEARS & Under:

Amelia Waitt – Silver Medal in 25m Backstroke, Freestyle  
Diana Leon Kolodziej – Bronze Medal in 25m Backstroke, Freestyle  
Kyla Alecks – Champion in 25m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Freestyle  
Isaac Thorpe – Bronze Medal in 25m Backstroke, Freestyle  
Ashton Platts – Silver in 25m Backstroke, Freestyle  
Benjamin Duncan - Champion in 25m Breaststroke, Backstroke and Freestyle

### 9/10YEARS GIRLS

Rosie Aireton-Brown- Bronze Medal in 50m Breaststroke and Backstroke and Butterfly

Laura Leon-Kolodziej– Bronze medal in 50m Freestyle  
Megan Hadaway – Silver in 50 m Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle, Champion in 50m Breaststroke  
Katie Oliver – Silver Medal in 50m Breaststroke , Champion in 50m Backstroke and Butterfly and Freestyle

### 9/10 YEARS BOYS

Thomas Gower - Silver Medal in 50m Freestyle  
Taylor Russell – Bronze medal in 50 m Freestyle and Silver Medal in 50 m Backstroke -  
Lucas Dawe- Bronze Medal in 50m Backstroke  
Sebastian Lissah-Reid- Silver Medal in 50m Breaststroke, Champion in 50m Backstroke -  
Thomas Lambert – Champion in 50m Breaststroke and Freestyle

### 11/12 YEARS

Eva Ling – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke , Silver in Freestyle  
Gemma Malcolm – Silver Medal in 100m Backstroke, Champion in 100m Breaststroke  
Emma Howes-Lawrence – Champion in 100m Backstroke and Butterfly and Freestyle  
Adam Fox – Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly  
Herbie Stewart – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle  
Harry Oakes – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Silver Medal in Freestyle and Champion in 100m Backstroke and Butterfly  
Joe Dixon – Champion in 100m Breaststroke  
Connor Alecks – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke and Backstroke and Champion in 100m Freestyle and 200m IM

## 13/14 YEARS

Freya Ling – Silver Medal in 100m Freestyle

Ema Calvo – Silver Medal in Open 100m Backstroke, Champion in 100m Breaststroke, Butterfly and 200m IM)

Amelia Priestley – Silver Medal in 200m IM and Champion in 100m Backstroke and Freestyle.

Ben Mills – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly and Freestyle, Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Samuel Thorpe – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Matthew Holman – Silver Medal in 100m Backstroke and Butterfly and Freestyle and 200m IM

Jacob Hadaway – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke

Rico Newman-Morgan – Champion in 100m Breaststroke and Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle and 200m IM

## 15/16 YEARS

Libby McArthur – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke

Ellis Stewart – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly, Freestyle

Isabel Goldsmith – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Freestyle and 200m IM, Champion in 100m Butterfly

Evie Wood – Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly, Champion in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Freestyle and 200 IM

James Croud – Bronze Medal in 200m IM

William Dixon – Silver medal in 100m Breaststroke

Toby Masray – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Georgie Dedman – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke and Freestyle, Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly

Leon Santer – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly, Silver in 100m Freestyle and 200 m IM Champion in 100m Backstroke

Tristan Calvo – Silver Medal in 100 m Backstroke, Champion in 100m Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle and 200m IM

## OPEN 100M EVENTS

Emily Lennon, Ellie Stewart, Ema Calvo, Isabel Goldsmith, Amelia Priestley, Evie Wood

Leon Santer, Ben Walker, Tristan Calvo, Finn Wood

Emily Lennon – Silver medal in 100m Freestyle

Ellie Stewart – Bronze medal in 100m Butterfly

Ema Calvo - Silver medal in 100m Breaststroke

Isabel Goldsmith – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Freestyle. Champion in 100m Butterfly

Amelia Priestley – Champion in 100m Backstroke

Evie Wood – Silver in 100m Backstroke, Butterfly, Champion in 100m Breaststroke, Freestyle

Leon Santer – Bronze medal in 100m Freestyle  
Ben Walker – Silver in 100m Backstroke, Butterfly, Champion in 100m Breaststroke –  
Tristan Calvo – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Butterfly, Silver in Freestyle –  
Finn Wood – Silver medal in 100m Breaststroke, Champion in 100m Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle

### OPEN 200M EVENTS

Emily Lennon – Silver Medal in 200m Freestyle –  
Ema Calvo – Bronze in IM, Silver medal in 200m Breaststroke.  
Isabel Goldsmith – Bronze Medal in 200m Breaststroke and Freestyle, Silver in 200m Backstroke and IM  
Amelia Priestley – Champion in Open 200m Backstroke  
Evie Wood – Bronze medal in 200m Backstroke, Champion in 200m Breaststroke, Freestyle and IM.  
James Croud – Bronze Medal in 200 IM  
Toby Masray – Bronze Medal in 200m Freestyle  
Leon Santer, - Silver Medal in 200m Freestyle and IM  
Rico Newman-Morgan – Bronze Medal in 200m Breaststroke  
Tristan Parmenter – Bronze Medal in 200m Backstroke  
Tristan Calvo – Silver Medal in 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Champion in 200m Freestyle and IM  
Finn Wood – Champion in 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke

### WATER POLO AWARDS

The men's seniors competing under the Shepway SC umbrella have now retained the Men's Kent League Title for 2 years consecutively and hopefully again we can retain the Kent League Cup (Norman Beadle) which will be played in Jan/Feb next year.

Hythe senior men's/junior boys and girls players as individuals have had great success being asked to represent at national, regional and county levels.

This shows the level that our men's/junior players are capable of playing at and our able to maintain. Our senior men's and some junior boys/girls are still continually representing club teams at the highest divisions of Water Polo in the National League and are making important and vital plays within the teams, proving the calibre of not only Kent Polo but also the South East Region. In the Kent Water Polo Festival Hythe teams won all 3 age groups U/12. U/14 and U/16.

The water polo coaches are very pleased and proud of how well our younger

members are doing especially when competing at the highest levels. The juniors that train in our senior training session, all train with dedication and enthusiasm for learning and improving.

Our juniors recently also had some great success with winning every match in the first weekend of the London League competition and sitting top of the table, also finishing in a very close third position in the U16 Kent Water Polo Shield.

#### JUNIOR WATER POLO MERIT AWARDS:-

Chloe Steer , William Carter , Callum Hughes James Cavanagh  
Most Improved Junior – Connor Alecks

- Junior Player of the Year – Lucy Mai Helliwell
- The next award - Ladies Player – Emily Lennon
- Most Deserving Player – Rico Newman-Morgan
- Senior Player of the Year – William Cavanagh
- The final polo award - Senior Men's Player's Player – James Croud

#### SYNCHRO AWARDS

Hythe Aqua Synchro have had multiple successes in 2018, from national talent pathways, national medal successes and international qualifications. Hythe Synchro started the year with one of our swimmers (Amy Bondzio, aged 13) being selected into the Beacon Training programme, an England Talent ID programme to support upcoming swimmers. She has attended monthly training sessions and competed as part of the Rushmoor Beacon Squad at the Beacon Games in July, where she achieved a credible 50th place individually. Amy was also selected for the South East Regional Development Squad, where she travelled to Reading once a month to train and attended a warm weather camp in Spain with the squad.

Our county championships were held in June, and the club enjoyed success for both individual and team events - in particular our teams enjoyed medals in each event entered:

12&U Division 1 Combination Team - 3rd overall and 2nd in Kent

15&U Division 1 Combination Team – 1st overall and 1st in Kent

13-18 Division 2 Combination Team – 2nd overall, 1st in Kent.

Our senior 13-18yrs Division 2 team have had national level success with their Doctor Who themed routine. In July, they competed at the National Combo cup in London, where they achieved a Bronze medal, in September, the South East Regional Event, where they achieved a Gold medal, and at the Scottish National Age Groups they also achieved a Gold medal for their routine swim.

The 15&U and 12&U Division 1 teams also competed at the South East Regional Event, where they achieved Silver medal for the 15&Us and a 7th place for the 12&Us.

The competitive Squad have had a busy 2 months, having travelled to Scotland in October for the Scottish National Age Groups, Crawley for the Multi Regionals and Gloucester for the National Age Groups competing in Figure events. The girls all achieved very positive figure results, and will be working hard towards the next NAGs in March next year.

We've also had multiple grade exam passes this year:

Grade 1: Daisy Cooke, Stevie Redman, Sara Luperi

Grade 2: Madelyn Praman, Mary Nunn, Sara Luperi

Grade 3: Ellie Sturgess, Eleanor Cameron Brookbank,

Grade 4: Lexie Foord

Our coaching team have qualified at various levels this year. Kevin Sturgess was successful in passing his Level 1 Coaches course, and Bethany Hook and Ellie Sturgess were successful in passing their Level 1 judges course. Phil Moo was successful in revalidating his Level 2 Judges course and Erica Moo passed the FINA G Judge exam qualifying in judging at International level, and judged in Croatia at the Primorje Cup in June.

Erica Moo also was involved in coaching the England Talent Age Group squad this year, and travelled to Croatia with the team in June. The swimmers are now working hard towards their grading exams in December. Thank you as always to the Hythe Aqua Committee and coaching team that support the Synchro section to achieve such positive results.

Synchro Merit Awards:

Sara Luperi

Imogen Clark

Allana Winstanley

Eleanor Cameron-Brookbank

Newcomer of the Year is a shared award— Violet Hart / Kitty Nunn

Attendance – Ellie Sturgess

Laura B Trophy – Isabelle Clark

Performer of the Year – Abbie Brooker

Swimmer of the Year – Amy Bondzio

Most Improved. – Bethany Hook

Contribution to the Club Award – Sue Goodson

### 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:

Rosie Aireton-Brown

Millie Roche

Gemma Malcolm

Thomas Gower

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 2018 Most Improved Senior squad trophy this year has been awarded to:

Isabel Goldsmith

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:

Connor Alecks

Katie Oliver

The Kent Trophy Winner for 2018 for scoring the highest points for the Club at the Kent Championships is: Ben Walker

Now moving onto the Masters Section

The Masters Section consists of competitive swimmers, open water swimmers, triathletes and keep fit swim trainers, along with some squad swimmers who want to do more training.

We are making a special award this year to Maureen Fakley, who took up competitive masters swimming in her mid-50s following encouragement to become a 'do-er' of butterfly rather than just an 'admirer' of butterfly. Not being content with simply being able to perform the stroke legally, Maureen decided that her speciality events should be arguably the most challenging - namely 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly and 400m IM – and butterfly remains her specialist stroke, even though she has surpassed her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! Competitive success has flowed, and Maureen has won numerous medals of every colour at the East Invicta, County, Southern Counties/South East

Region, National Short Course and Great Britain Long Course Championships, in these and other events. She has represented Kent at the National Inter-county Seniors and Masters Championships for many years, and until recently was the only female in Kent in the oldest age group so swam the races for every stroke, plus the IM and all relays to gain maximum points for the county in these championships. Additionally, Maureen has been working her way through the county masters record books, currently holding five short course records, one long course record, and 10 county championship best times.

Maureen's success extends beyond her own personal achievements. There are numerous people who have been encouraged or motivated by Maureen's example to take up masters swimming, or return to competitive swimming, or simply just 'keep going' across the county. More directly, Maureen has been a qualified swimming teacher, committee member and competition official for many, many years, and has volunteered countless hours of her time to support local clubs and the county at local, regional and national events. Maureen is truly an inspiration to us all!" Maureen has care responsibilities and is therefore unable to attend this evening but we will make sure she gets her award at Masters training.

Therefore the Masters Swimmer of the Year is – Maureen Fakley

Lastly, we have the Hythe Aqua National Trophy.

The winner of the National Trophy this year has added more credentials to Hythe Aqua's long standing multi discipline success. This is the second year this Hythe Aqua member has won this award. This person competed in the Age Group British Triathlon Championships over Standard (Olympic) Distance. This was held as part of the WTS Triathlon Series event and was run in the morning over essentially the same course as the elite Olympic athletes. There was a large crowd of supporters at the Leeds venue who had come to see the Olympic Athletes in action later in the day. The race was a 1500m open water swim, 40 Kilometre closed road bike course around Leeds and a 10 Kilometre run finishing in Leeds City Centre. Emily Chambers this year's National Trophy award winner won her age category (under 20yrs) in a time of 2hrs:23mins:17s and became the official Under 20yrs 2018 British Triathlon Champion.

Congratulations to: Emily Chambers

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 everyone involved in helping to organise 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.

The awards part of the evening is now complete but we do have an exciting team building session next. It may take a few minutes to setup and we will let you know when we are ready to start.

Thanks for your attention enjoy the evening

Jim Parris  
Chairman  
Hythe Aqua Swimming Club

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